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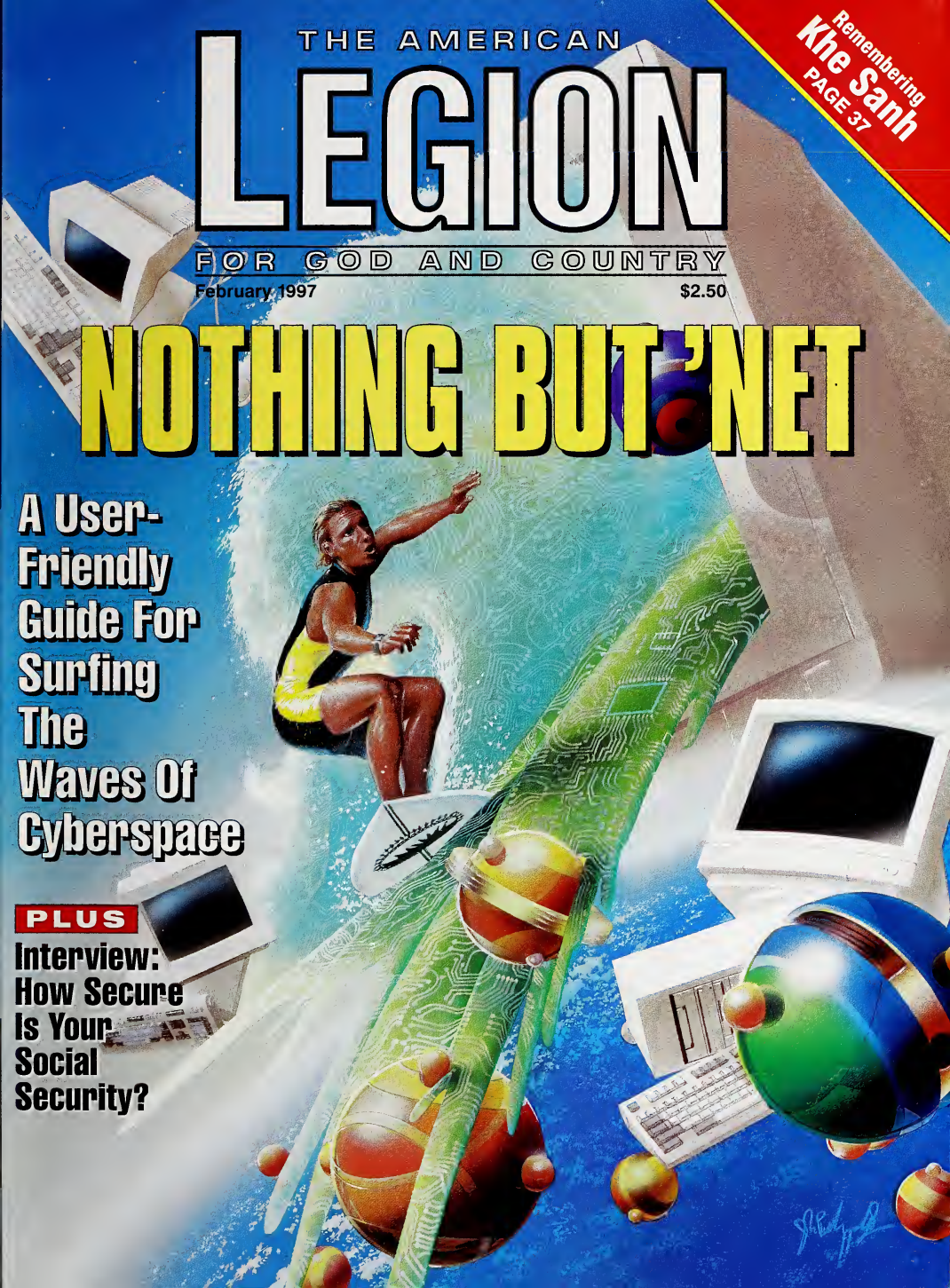
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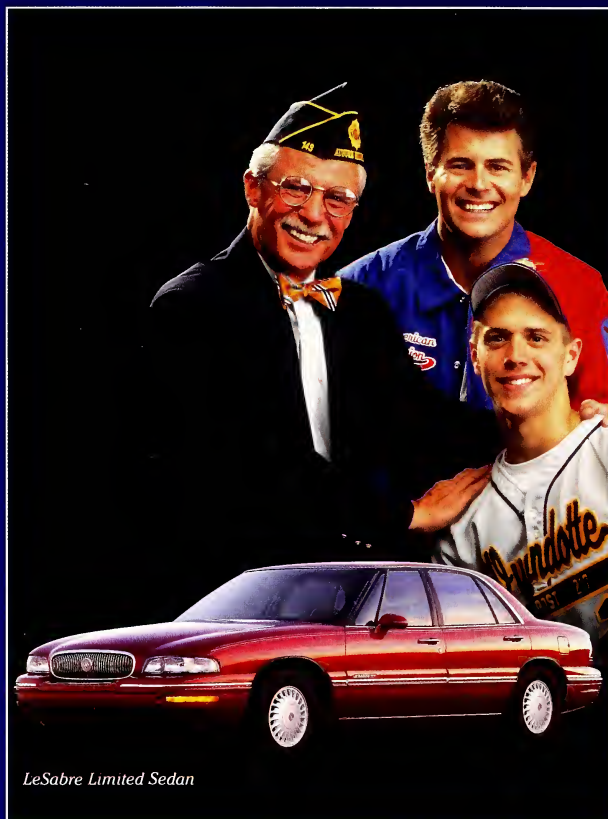
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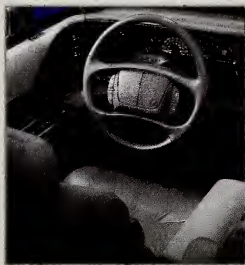


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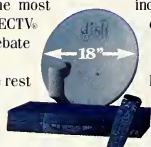
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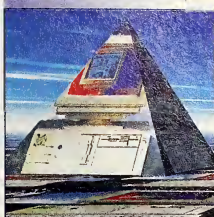
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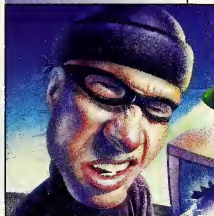
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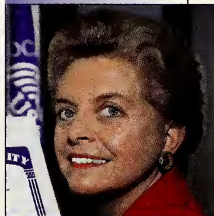
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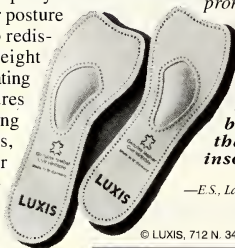
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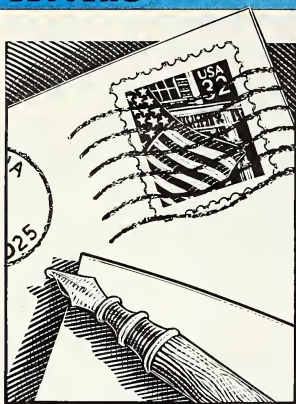
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GI Joe, Laureate

THE United States Army has in fact been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize [as proposed by N.J. Kressel in the November issue]. On Sept. 29, 1988, the chairman of the committee announced the award to the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai, which included the 3rd Bn., 327th Air Assault Rgt., 101st Airborne.

In New York, the U.N. Secretary-General's statement said: "The award is a tribute to the idealism of all who have served this organization and in particular to the valor and sacrifice of those who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to our peacekeeping operations."

The 101st's unit rotated to the Sinai in October 1986. United States troops have been serving in the Sinai along with soldiers of 10 other nations under a treaty obligation that began in 1981. The commanding general of the multinational force must, by treaty, be an American.

*Richard T. Oakes
Saint Paul, Minn.*

The Scandal

IT IS the duty of every Legionnaire to condemn the practices that have led to the scandal at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. The Army has slid into an abuse of power.

The objective of the Army is to protect the nation. That purpose cannot be served by destroying the dignity of individuals and undermining respect for the Army. Systems that lead to indignity, harassment and rape cannot be justified in the name of training and subordination.

We have raised the issue of respect for the flag; it seems to me the flag should now be at half-staff in shame.

*Buddy W. Vandiver
Tulsa, Okla.*

Missed Chance

SO wish veterans had spoken out more before the fall election. Here we have many homeless veterans while illegal immigrants voted in droves. The immigrants get food stamps, medical and dental care and cheap rent in nice apartments. In contrast, we see homeless veterans, some without legs, sitting on the street corners.

My husband could never get a veterans' loan; we never made enough money. He was overseas for three and a half years. Now illegal immigrants and welfare cases can get loans at 2 percent. What's going on?

*Mrs. John E. Gordon
Portland, Ore.*

Wary of Change

WITH National Commander Joseph W. Frank lobbying for the reform of VA health care proposed in the GI Bill of Health, there are a few things needing attention.

I am a World War II veteran who served in the engine rooms of naval vessels for three and a half years. I wore asbestos suits for as long as 24 hours at a time during alerts, and without protection I chipped and applied asbestos as required. After many years of breathing problems, I was diagnosed with asbestosis. As my heaviest and most prolonged exposure to asbestos was during my years of naval service, I applied for disability. The VA denied my claim, but The Ameri-

can Legion was assigned my case when I appealed, and the hearing found that my asbestosis was due to my Navy duty.

I was granted a 10 percent disability. When I filed notice that I intended to appeal, I was intimidated by notices from the VA that I would have to undergo additional physicals, which I did. Eventually I dropped the appeal so as not to lose the small benefit already received.

I am checked every three months at a nearby VA clinic, receive free medication for my breathing problem and annual free checkups because of the danger of cancer. If the GI Bill of Health is adopted, I will no longer receive this free service. The medicine I take costs more than \$100 a month.

There are many like me below the 50 percent disability line who will be hurt by the proposed change. Many of us are victims of the VA's decisions to grant less than medical conditions warrant. Before this bill is adopted, veterans who receive less than 50 percent service-connected disability better become aware that they are about to lose what little they have.

*John H. Fuss
Orange, Texas*

Editor's note: Under the GI Bill of Health, all service-connected disabilities will continue to be treated free of charge. The reform proposal is structured to strengthen VA health care, particularly by allowing veterans to select it as a complete health-care provider for themselves and their families.

Deep Disservice

I THINK your magazine did its readers a disservice by not evaluating with moderation and common sense the article *Deep Trouble* about nuclear subs and warheads lost at sea. You could have invited a comment on the subject by an established scientist knowledgeable on radiation and the environment.

The fact is, the oceans are huge, on a totally different scale from what we are used to in our everyday lives, even in comparison to objects (skyscrapers, mountains) that we call huge. No amount of radioactive materials that humanity could possibly dump in the

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oceans, let alone the quantities that could come even from a worst-case nuclear sub accident, could make the slightest dent in the observable radioactivity anyone would be exposed to in comparison with the natural background from radioactive elements in the Earth's crust and from cosmic radiation entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Mind you, I'm not saying there are no causes for concern about the activities of Russian nuclear submarines, or for that matter, even our own. But producing radioactive "contamination" of the oceans is not one of them.

Andrew Lenard
Bloomington, Ind.

UN-badged

A LETTER in the November magazine stated that during the Korean War, U.S. forces were fighting under U.N. command and were required to wear U.N. insignia. The statement carries no truth whatsoever. I served with the 1st Marine division in Korea from 1951-1952, and we wore no insignia of any type, much less the U.N. insignia.

Most fought for their lives, their comrades' lives and only wanted to return in one piece. I'm sure that if U.N. badges had been issued, they would have been torn off and discarded. The less visibility, the better. Those who have experienced the misery and hardships of war know where I'm coming from.

Floyd Jaros
Virginia, Minn.

Funding Art

AFTER reading Sen. Claiborne Pell's November input [Big Issues] on further federal funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, I concluded that Pell has either forgotten or sidestepped the basic consideration. That is whether the existence of the NEA serves a function or purpose of the federal government. I have not seen anything written by our founding fathers indicating that art should be underwritten by taxing U.S. citizens. An artist should be rewarded for his work by the price he can obtain in the open market, just as any U.S. citizen

markets his job skills to prospective employers. Any taxpayer funds subsidizing an artist for cultural purposes is—to my eyes—job discrimination, pure and simple.

NEA sources have stated that their program represents a small portion of the federal budget. There are, however, too many of these small programs making that pitch, and they all add up in the eyes of the taxpayer. The American people had a rich and diverse cultural heritage before NEA's existence. I am convinced NEA has no right to be federally subsidized in the future.

Blake A. Borgeson
Babbitt, Minn.

My Memories

I'M WRITING to thank you and inform you of the death of my grandfather, Ervin Grudzielanek. He was a World War II veteran, and we would spend time talking about his experiences and reading his Legion magazines. I would listen to him tell stories of his time in the China-Burma-India theater, and I would sit content for hours looking at the pictures he had of that time in his life. He was not a combat soldier, but to a kid who looked up to him he was John Wayne and Lee Marvin in one. Neither of my uncles were in the service, so I was given his pictures and military records because, when old enough, I had enlisted in the National Guard while in school.

I guess the reason I'm writing is to let you know that one of the most prized things I have of my grandfather is his last issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, "Let Freedom Ring." Thank you for being part of the memories of my grandfather.

David Morse
Pittsville, Wis.

More Adjectives

THE picture [November, *Out of the Ashes*] you titled "Tasteless," showing our flag in a toilet bowl surrounded by prison bars *should* be called tasteless. It could also be called ugly, cruel, unthinking and despicable. However, that scene of our flag going down the drain could well represent the last thoughts of some forgotten,

deserted, hopeless POW. To all in command of our government, I point out that the truth sometimes hurts depending on how it is presented or interpreted.

Joe Dixon
Port Charlotte, Fla.

IT turns out the November issue had two articles that converged: the Big Issues on funding the National Endowment for the Arts and *Out of the Ashes* on the desecration of the flag under the excuse of art, as exhibited by the Phoenix Art Museum.

While we are a free country and accord individuals as much freedom as possible, I think the museum is going a little too far. I had mixed emotions about the Big Issues question, but I now have to agree with the congressman who said we should stop funding the National Endowment for the Arts.

Kenneth K. Skoog
Wahpeton, N.D.

STEVE Salerno's November article, *Out of the Ashes*, should rekindle the fires of our determination to promote a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. This is not my America as it once was. We have witnessed the fall of moral, spiritual and social values. Honor, respect and expectation of law and order have been degraded and weakened. In a normal society we would not have to legislate respect and honor for the flag.

If we are to regain a society of respectful, honorable citizenry, then every effort should be made to pass the flag-protection amendment. Let your senators and representatives hear your voice on this matter.

John T. McCusker
Gordon, Wis.

Next Year In...

I AM perplexed as to why Mr. Kincaid [in Washington Watch] and The American Legion have not joined the rest of the civilized world, the United Nations, the United States and even the *New York Times* in acknowledging that Jerusalem (and not Tel Aviv) is the capital, seat of government and source of foreign and domestic policy of the state of Israel.

Samuel Garry
Flushing, N.Y.

LETTERS

Bravo Zulu

I JUST read *Healthy Returns*, the November article on the GI Bill of Health. This is music to my ears, and I'm sure it has a pleasant ring in the ears of veterans in the same category as I. I retired from the Navy in 1988 after 30 years and have felt left out because I am ineligible for care at our local VA medical facility. My status has changed recently as a result of my filing of a claim in connection with exposure to Agent Orange. All administrative and medical work for this claim was performed at the VA hospital in Clarksburg, W.V.

Having worked for several years in the Navy as a medical administrator and also as a provider of care, I am familiar with the difficulties of organizing and conducting a program like these folks have put together. The Clarksburg VA staff deserves a BZ [Bravo Zulu, i.e., good job] from the veterans of this area and from The American Legion for the support they have provided Agent Orange claimants.

The high quality care and courteous treatment are exactly the reasons I would like to be served by this hospital. It would be wonderful to extend this care to my family. I'm proud to be a member of The American Legion, an organization that not only cares but also seeks out problems and produces logical solutions.

M. Rex Zickefoose
West Union, W.V.

Old Salt

AS AN ex-tin can sailor with a Purple Heart, I sincerely appreciated Kent Wadsworth's December article on the *USS Cassin Young*, her sister ships (mine was the *USS Morrison*) and our activities as the Navy's "most useful tool," in Admiral Nimitz's phrase.

After being hit by four kamikazies in 15 minutes, the *Morrison* sank with the loss of 153 shipmates. The *Morrison* earned eight battle stars.

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Sidney Bick
Skokie, Ill. □

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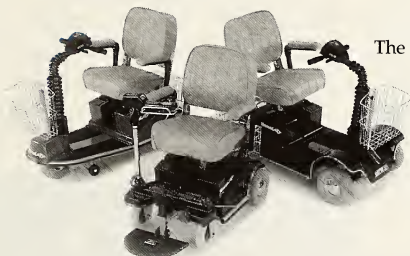
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Spanning The Web

TO ME, the most exciting aspect of the Internet, the subject of this month's cover story, is its remarkable (though as-yet untapped) potential for coalition building. With a few keystrokes and mouse clicks, and through the tandem magic of the silicon chip and the phone line, you can make your case—for better or worse, whatever it may be—to millions of others worldwide. Thus, inexpensively and in a matter of seconds, you achieve a public forum that once would have taken many months and a substantial investment.

In the case of The American Legion, we know there have been about 350,000 visits to the Legion's Website since we went on-line back in mid-February. Given the demographics that are usually associated with the World Wide Web, it's likely that many of these individuals are not presently Legion members, nor even among the broader pool of America's 26 million veterans.

Such high visibility among people who are not presently members of the choir is all-important these days—part and parcel of the coalition building that's a necessary prelude to achieving the Legion's aims.

Consider just two of our foremost goals:

The flag. In a matter of a few short years, we have taken an issue that was barely on the radar screen inside the Beltway and elevated it to a critical factor in national and local elections. We have had Republicans and Democrats singing from the same sheet of music on this one issue, though they may fight tooth and nail on almost everything else. Among voters, the same America that was evenly divided in its political preferences—certainly where the make-up of the new Congress is concerned—nonetheless stands behind the flag to the tune of 80 percent. That is a coalition in the truest and most uplifting sense of the word.

How does the 'Net figure in all this? In the months ahead, we'll be using our Website in addition to our traditional communications channels to keep you and the rest of the nation abreast of events in the ongoing

campaign to secure a flag-protection amendment. We are confident the momentum we can achieve through such broad-based efforts eventually will prevail.

Veterans' issues. As we move forward with the GI Bill of Health in particular, we'll need increasing support from those outside the veterans' community. The more Joe and Jane Public understand about the special duty government has to its returning troops, the greater the odds we'll receive a sympathetic hearing. As suggested earlier, the 'Net has a relatively young demographic—men and women who have never experienced a true threat to the American way of life. They need to know more about the historic link between a free society and its military.

There is one last aspect of the Internet I should mention before closing, and that is its unique value in promoting a free exchange of ideas and information. For all its growing pains, the 'Net makes it that much harder for the folks with the knowledge and the power to keep that knowledge and power to themselves. Information flashes across America and around the globe before any official can step in and control it, censor it or spin it.

We have a vivid example in the case of Gulf War Syndrome.

The e-mail feedback we've received from Gulf War veterans; the massive activity on the GULFLink hot-line; the stories swapped electronically and instantaneously by veterans across America who suffer symptoms; the reams of data on the illness now maintained and easily accessible on-line—these things have all but guaranteed that this pressing veterans' health concern could not be swept under the rug the same way that, say, Agent Orange was disposed of a generation ago. Or ionizing radiation before that.

In that sense, the 'Net is the ultimate instrument of democracy, helping us make informed decisions.

Working together, asking questions, keeping each other in the loop, we can build the coalitions we need to make our vision for America a reality. E-mail us at tal@iquest.net. Let your voice be heard! □

Should Congress Keep the Selective Service System?

Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.)



YES

In the wake of the Cold War, the United States emerged as the pre-eminent world power. Our armed forces are the best-trained, best-equipped in the world. They are an all-volunteer force that is simply unmatched.

But, while we take great pride in the men and women who defend our society, we must not allow our superpower status to breed complacency. The world remains intensely volatile and, in many ways, the challenges confronting our society today are more complex than 10 years ago. Foremost among these is balancing requirements against reducing forces.

The Selective Service System serves as an insurance policy against the challenges of the defense drawdown and the uncertainties of the 21st century. As with all insurance policies, the objective is to never need it. But should a crisis emerge, the Selective Service System provides an accurate, comprehensive database to support decision makers who, while hoping for the best, must prepare for the worst.

The Selective Service System is the agency within the federal government that registers young men for a possible draft. It is an independent agency whose principle task is to be able to provide manpower to the armed forces in an emergency. No draft can be instated without approval of Congress and the administration.

Under the Military Selective Service Act, all male U.S. residents between the ages of 18 and 26 must register. Essentially, a man fills out a registration card and sends it to the Selective Service System. The form asks for the registrant's full name, address, date of birth, telephone number and social security number. A signature also is required.

In the current era of relative peace and prosperity, some have called for the abolition of the Selective Service System. This might sound penny wise, but it is pound foolish. For a modest annual investment, our nation maintains a comprehensive database that serves as a safety net in the event of catastrophe. The annual "premium" of this policy is far outweighed by the coverage that it would provide in our nation's hour of need. Selective Service should be preserved. ☐

Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.)



NO

Peacetime draft registration contributes little or nothing to our nation's defense. What's worse, it siphons scarce dollars away from our genuine national security needs. There's a better alternative—one that can provide the information necessary for an emergency call-up of military age men without the burden or the expense of the present system.

The 1991 war in the Persian Gulf made it clear that peacetime draft registration is not needed. During the Gulf War, the United States mobilized and deployed more than half a million men and women, and defeated the fourth-largest army in the world without a draft.

In a 1993 report, the Pentagon admitted that "peacetime draft registration could be suspended with no effect on military mobilization requirements...and no measurable effect on military recruitment."

Last year, a bipartisan group of representatives—including myself and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif.—proposed replacing peacetime draft registration with a less expensive and equally effective alternative. We proposed a new standby system using information technology developed since 1980.

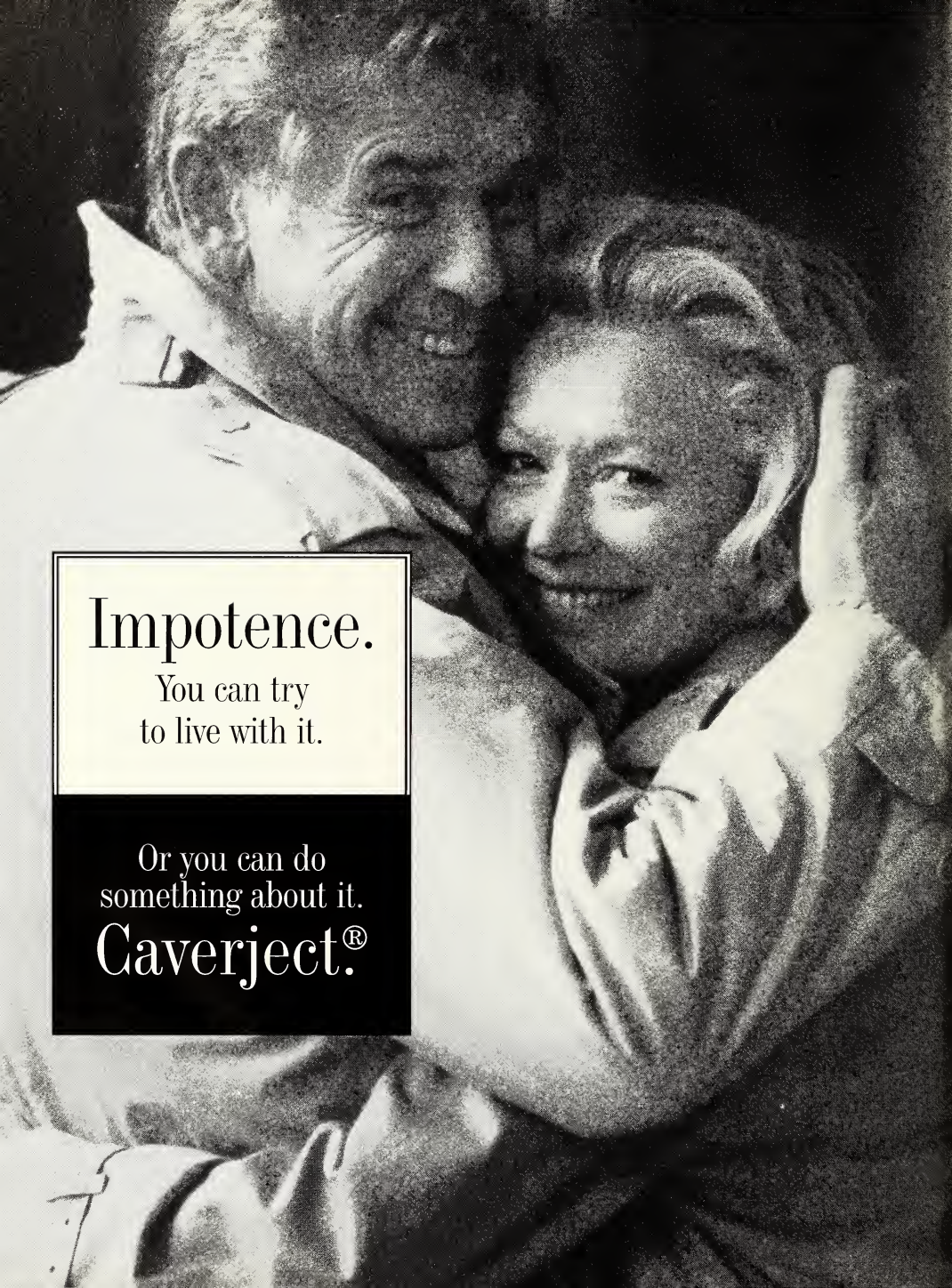
By accessing and merging a host of federal and state databases (from the Social Security Administration, the states' Department of Motor Vehicles and other sources), a list of young men could quickly be generated in case of national emergency and still meet Pentagon timetables. In fact, the Selective Service Administration will employ the same technology for a system that would provide a special list of medical personnel. Why not use the same approach to meet our emergency military mobilization needs?

I know many patriotic Americans feel strongly that the peacetime draft—by its very existence—provides moral support for our troops. I would argue that the millions of

dollars we spend on this overly cumbersome and expensive system is hardly the kind of support our troops need. Military personnel would better be served by adequate pay, improved housing and the knowledge that the needs of our nation are met. ☐

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What are the precautions associated with use of CAVERJECT?

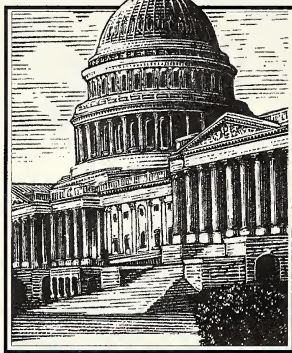
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By Cliff Kincaid

Include U.S. Out

EXPECT a renewed congressional push for a quick exit from the World Trade Organization because of WTO's meddling in U.S. trade policy.

Both Democrats and Republicans are angry over a WTO review of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, a U.S. law to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro regime. The European Union, a group that includes several U.S. "allies," had asked the WTO to intervene because the law could affect European companies operating in Cuba and using American property confiscated by the Communist regime there.

A WTO dispute resolution panel convened Nov. 20 and could authorize higher European tariffs or similar sanctions against U.S. firms.

Hanoi Hijinks?

DID President Clinton normalize relations with Vietnam before insisting on a complete accounting of American POW/MIAs as part of a deal made through the controversial Lippo Banking Group of Indonesia? And did anybody know in advance that policy was about to change?

Questions about the channeling of foreign money to the election campaign already guarantee that Lippo connections to the White House will be the subject of a full-scale Congressional investigation early this year. What's

new is talk of a Vietnam angle.

A timeline being circulated on Capitol Hill points out that the lifting of the trade embargo with Vietnam came after a Lippo representative led a group of bankers to evaluate business opportunities there. After the embargo was dropped, First Union Corp. of North Carolina and the Lippo Group announced a network to finance trade deals throughout Southeast Asia, including Vietnam.

Rep. Gerry Solomon, R-N.Y., wants to know if John Huang, a former Lippo employee at the Commerce Department, had inside information.

Gulf Games

DESPITE DoD admissions and a growing consensus about the nature of Gulf War Syndrome, Michael Fumento is one of the few voices continuing to say it ain't so. A U.S. Army veteran, 1978-82, Fumento has authored an 8,000-word article for the February 1997 issue of *Reason*, claiming there's no evidence for it.

Though dismissed by veterans' groups, Fumento says that after one of his newspaper columns appeared, headlined, "Phony Gulf War Syndrome," he got a call from a network correspondent saying that it is what guys in the Pentagon have always thought but now are afraid to say.

A science writer who has written a book about AIDS, Fumento does not deny U.S. troops were exposed to chemical weapons, nor does he rule out the possibility that they were hit by biological weapons. But he insists there's no proof linking health problems to those weapons.

As for the Pentagon's failure to release critical documents, Fumento has a wry reason for discounting conspiracy theories: "I don't think the Pentagon has the brains to engage in a massive conspiracy and cover-up," he says.

Shots In The Dark

NOW into its third year, the peace-keeping mission in Haiti hasn't been able to deter political killings by death squads associated with the government, and prominent members of Congress are preparing to block all financial aid to the impoverished

country. Congressional ire flared after President Clinton tried to keep Congress in the dark by invoking executive privilege. The White House has refused to turn over dozens of documents on political killings in Haiti.

A report from the House International Relations Committee charges that suspected killers have been sheltered by the U.S.-supported government and that Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott covered up that fact in sworn congressional testimony.

Still Cashing In

THE question threw him for a loop: If the United Nations is serious about opposing war crimes, why is accused Nazi war criminal Kurt Waldheim still pulling down a \$102,000 annual pension from the U.N.? Waldheim ran the U.N. from 1972-82 but was barred from the U.S. in 1986 when his Nazi war record was exposed.

"It's the first I've heard of it," declared Richard J. Goldstone, the former chief prosecutor for the U.N.-sponsored International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. The question was put to Goldstone by *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* when he conducted a news conference at the headquarters of the American Bar Association.

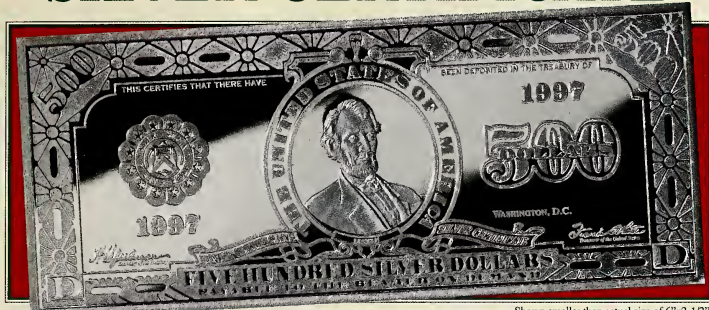
The Cleaner Image

THE deputy under secretary of Defense for Environmental Security has been accused of spending \$120,000 on what outgoing Rep. William F. Clinger calls a "superfluous political publication" featuring pictures of administration officials posing as stewards of the environment. One article in the publication, "Today," highlights the rebuilding of historic buildings at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and \$3 million worth of "natural and cultural research" at Luke Air Force Base.

In July, Clinger released a General Accounting Office report that nailed the federal government as the nation's largest polluter and estimated up to \$400 billion will have to be spent to clean up its property. "Clearly, money is better spent on cleanup, rather than on publicity," Clinger says. □

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THE PAY GAP

TODAY'S smaller military means longer hours and more deployments for many troops. But even as the load increases, military pay continues to lag behind pay in comparable civilian jobs.

The "pay gap" is undermining troop morale, a recent House National Security Committee survey concludes. And the gap, now 13 percent, will grow another half percent by 1998 unless more money is appropriated for pay, committee staffers warn.

It takes \$600 million to raise pay enough to close the pay gap by 1 percent. Eliminating the gap would cost \$8 billion, which in today's budget environment is out of the question.

The survey has heightened congressional concerns about pay, and that could mean a vote for bigger raises in 1998.

The 3 percent raise troops began receiving in January is enough to keep the gap from widening this year.

UNHEALTHY FOOD

WHILE the services emphasize physical fitness—from body fat standards to smoking restrictions—the service academies are flunking a key fitness test. They serve unhealthy food, a physicians' organization contends.

In a survey of food served at 38 major universities, the Army, Navy and Air Force academies ranked lowest, offering too few low-fat, low-cholesterol foods, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine said.

"Typical rations include artery-clogging entrees like fried chicken tenders, ham steak and hot dogs," the committee reported.

The doctors said Duke University offered the healthiest diet, including dishes like spicy lentils, African vegetable stew and spicy couscous, a semolina pasta with vegetables. Other schools rated high for offering salad bars, baked potato bars, stir-fried vegetables and similar low-fat, low-cholesterol foods daily.

The service academies provided such edibles only occasionally. "Often there are few alternatives to fatty entrees," says Dr. Andrew Nicholson, preventive medicine director for the Washington, D.C.-based committee.

TAKING ON TERRORISM

US. troops must become "the premier experts in anti-terrorism," Gen. John Shalikashvili told a recent gathering of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It's a matter of self-defense.

Too often, U.S. troops have been targets for terrorists, Shalikashvili says, citing last June's truck bomb attack in Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 troops and wounded hundreds.

Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, named a 36-member team to coordinate military anti-terrorism initiatives. "Force protection" will be central to the team's effort, he said.

Troops in Latin America should be increasingly wary of terrorism, warns Gen. Wesley K. Clark, chief of the Southern Command. In some Latin American countries, guerrilla movements have teamed with narco-terrorists to thwart U.S. and local efforts to block illegal drug smuggling, the general says.

REAL STAR WARS

THE Air Force and Army are pondering a new mission—protecting Earth against asteroid strikes.

After our close encounter with a large asteroid in 1996, civilian and military space scientists began searching for ways to prevent future collisions. The stakes could be high—an asteroid strike 65 million years ago might have killed off the dinosaurs and radically altered Earth's climate.

Protecting the planet would be a tremendous challenge, says David Morrison, a senior space scientist at NASA.

Rockets armed with nuclear warheads might shove asteroids out of orbits that threaten our planet.

Technologies the Army developed for missile defense systems—solid-state lasers, kinetic kill devices, sensors and precision guidance equipment—also could prove useful against asteroids. And long-range military radars and space sensors could provide early warning, scientists say.

Military satellites have already been helpful, revealing that many more small asteroids hit Earth's atmosphere than astronomers thought.

The chance of a disastrous asteroid strike anytime soon is remote, Morrison says. But a search to locate asteroids whose orbits threaten Earth is warranted. Already 150 are known, but there could be as many as 2,000.

IN THE NEWS

THE military is turning to private contractors to build 4,000 housing units in 1997, and up to 200,000 new units by 2007.... After forcing folks out during the drawdown, the Navy now offers bonuses of up to \$30,000 to keep skilled sailors in uniform.... Shrunken to 357 ships, the Navy still could be too big for its budget and might shrink some more, says Adm. Harold W. Gehman, vice chief of naval operations.... Hiring private businesses for tasks from accounting to troop training could save \$12 billion a year, but it would eliminate 420,000 jobs for troops and civilian employees.... Air Force F-16 pilots now wear night-vision goggles for some missions over Bosnia. □

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When you talk to your doctor about ZOCOR, be sure to mention any medications you are taking, to avoid possible serious drug interactions. Be sure to tell your doctor if you experience any unexplained muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR, since this could be a sign of serious side effects. Finally, discuss any other side effects with your doctor.

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WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD NOT BE USED

Some people should not take ZOCOR. Discuss this with your doctor.

ZOCOR should not be used by patients who are allergic to any of its ingredients. In addition to the active ingredient simvastatin, each tablet contains the following inactive ingredients: cellulose, lactose, magnesium stearate, iron oxides, talc, titanium dioxide, and starch. Butylated hydroxyanisole is added as a preservative.

Patients with liver problems: ZOCOR should not be used by patients with active liver disease or repeated blood test results indicating possible liver problems. (See WARNINGS.)

Women who are or may become pregnant: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus. **Women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely that they will become pregnant.** If a woman does become pregnant while on ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor at once.

Women who are breast-feeding should not take ZOCOR.

WARNINGS

Liver: About 1% of patients who took ZOCOR in clinical trials developed elevated levels of some liver enzymes. Patients who had these increases usually had no symptoms. Elevated liver enzymes usually returned to normal levels when therapy with ZOCOR was stopped.

Your doctor should perform routine blood tests to check these enzymes before and during treatment with ZOCOR. The tests should occur at 6 weeks and 12 weeks after you begin taking ZOCOR, and about every 6 months thereafter. If your enzyme levels increase, your doctor should order more frequent tests. If your liver enzyme levels remain unusually high, your doctor should discontinue your medication.

Tell your doctor about any liver disease you may have had in the past and about how much alcohol you consume. ZOCOR should be used with caution in patients who consume large amounts of alcohol.

Muscle: Tell your doctor right away if you experience any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness at any time during treatment with ZOCOR, particularly if you have a fever or if you are generally not feeling well, so your doctor can decide if ZOCOR should be stopped. Some patients may have muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR. Rarely, this can include muscle breakdown resulting in kidney damage. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients taking certain other drugs along with ZOCOR, such as the lipid-lowering drug Lipid[®] (gemfibrozil), a fibrate; lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid (niacin); the antibiotic erythromycin; antifungal drugs that are azole derivatives, such as itraconazole; or drugs that suppress the immune system (called immunosuppressive drugs, such as Sandimmune[®] [cyclosporine]). Therapy with ZOCOR should be temporarily interrupted if you are going to take an azole derivative antifungal medication, such as itraconazole. Patients using ZOCOR along with any of these other drugs should be carefully monitored by their physician. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients with kidney problems or diabetes.

If you have conditions that can increase your risk of muscle breakdown, which in turn can cause kidney damage, your doctor should temporarily withhold or stop ZOCOR. Such conditions include severe infection, low blood pressure, major surgery, trauma, severe metabolic, endocrine and electrolyte disorders, and uncontrolled seizures. Discuss this with your doctor, who can explain these conditions to you.

Because there are risks in combining therapy with ZOCOR with lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid (niacin) or with drugs that suppress the immune system, your doctor should carefully weigh the potential benefits and risks. He or she should also carefully monitor patients for any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness, particularly during the initial months of therapy and if the dose of either drug is increased. Your doctor may also monitor the level of certain muscle enzymes in your body, but there is no assurance that such monitoring will prevent the occurrence of severe muscle disease.

PRECAUTIONS

Before starting treatment with ZOCOR, try to lower your cholesterol by other methods such as diet, exercise, and weight loss. Ask your doctor about how best to do this. Any other medical problems that can cause high cholesterol should also be treated.

ZOCOR is less effective in patients with the rare disorder known as homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia.

Drug Interactions: Because of possible serious drug interactions, it is important to tell your doctor what other drugs you are taking, including those obtained without a prescription.

ZOCOR[®] (simvastatin) can interact with Lipid, niacin, erythromycin, certain antifungal drugs, and drugs that suppress the immune system (called immunosuppressive drugs, such as Sandimmune). (See WARNINGS, Muscle.)

Some patients taking lipid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR[®] (simvastatin) and coumarin anticoagulants (a type of blood thinner) have experienced bleeding and/or increased blood clotting time. Patients taking these medicines should have their blood tested before starting therapy with ZOCOR and should continue to be monitored.

Endocrine (Hormone) Function: ZOCOR and other drugs in this class may affect the production of certain hormones. Caution should be exercised if a drug used to lower cholesterol levels is administered to patients also receiving other drugs (e.g., ketoconazole, spiroinolactone, cimetidine) that may decrease the levels or activity of hormones. If you are taking any such drugs, tell your doctor.

Central Nervous System Toxicity; Cancer, Mutations, Impairment of Fertility: Like most prescription drugs, ZOCOR was required to be tested on animals before it was marketed for human use. Often these tests were designed to achieve higher drug concentrations than humans achieve at recommended dosing. In some tests, the animals had damage to the nerves in the central nervous system. In studies of mice with high doses of ZOCOR, the likelihood of certain types of cancerous tumors increased. No evidence of mutations or of damage to genetic material has been seen. In one study with ZOCOR, there was decreased fertility in male rats.

Pregnancy: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus.

Safety in pregnancy has not been established. There have been no reports of birth defects in the children of patients taking ZOCOR. However, in studies with lipid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR, there have been rare reports of birth defects of the skeleton and digestive system. Therefore, women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely they will become pregnant. If a woman does become pregnant while taking ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor at once. The active ingredient of ZOCOR did not cause birth defects in rats at 6 times the human dose or in rabbits at 4 times the human dose.

Nursing Mothers: Drugs taken by nursing mothers may be present in their breast milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, a woman taking ZOCOR should not breast-feed. (See WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD NOT BE USED.)

Pediatric Use: ZOCOR is not recommended for children or patients under 20 years of age.

SIDE EFFECTS

Most patients tolerate treatment with ZOCOR well; however, like all prescription drugs, ZOCOR can cause side effects, and some of them can be serious. Side effects that do occur are usually mild and short-lived. Only your doctor can weigh the risks versus the benefits of any prescription drug. In clinical studies with ZOCOR, less than 1% of patients dropped out of the studies because of side effects. In a large, long-term study, patients taking ZOCOR experienced similar side effects to those patients taking placebo (sugar pills). Some of the side effects that have been reported with ZOCOR or related drugs are listed below. This list is not complete. Be sure to ask your doctor about side effects before taking ZOCOR and to discuss any side effects that occur.

Digestive System: Constipation, diarrhea, upset stomach, gas, heartburn, stomach pain/cramps, anorexia, loss of appetite, nausea, inflammation of the pancreas, hepatitis, jaundice, fatty changes in the liver, and, rarely, severe liver damage and failure, cirrhosis, and liver cancer.

Muscle, Skeletal: Muscle cramps, aches, pain, and weakness; joint pain; muscle breakdown.

Nervous System: Dizziness, headache, insomnia, tingling, memory loss, damage to nerves causing weakness and/or loss of sensation and/or abnormal sensations, anxiety, depression, tremor, loss of balance, psychic disturbances.

Skin: Rash, itching, hair loss, dryness, nodules, discoloration.

Eyes/Senses: Blurred vision, altered taste sensation, progression of cataracts, eye muscle weakness.

Hypersensitivity (Allergic) Reactions: On rare occasions, a wide variety of symptoms have been reported to occur either alone or together in groups (referred to as a syndrome) that appeared to be based on allergic-type reactions, which may rarely be fatal. These have included one or more of the following: a severe generalized reaction that may include shortness of breath, wheezing, digestive symptoms, and low blood pressure and even shock; an allergic reaction with swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat with difficulty swallowing or breathing; symptoms mimicking lupus (a disorder in which a person's immune system may attack parts of his or her own body); severe muscle and blood vessel inflammation; bruises; various disorders of blood cells (that could result in anemia, infection, or blood clotting problems) or abnormal blood tests; inflamed or painful joints; hives, fatigue and weakness; sensitivity to sunlight; fever, chills; flushing; difficulty breathing; and severe skin disorders that vary from rash to a serious burn-like shedding of skin all over the body, including mucous membranes such as the lining of the mouth.

Other: Loss of sexual desire, breast enlargement, impotence.

Laboratory Tests: Liver function test abnormalities including elevated alkaline phosphatase and bilirubin; thyroid function abnormalities.

NOTE: This summary provides important information about ZOCOR. If you would like more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist to let you read the professional labeling and then discuss it with them.



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ALLIANCE OF TRUST



ON TRACK—The U.S. military should not be involved in multilateral operations with other military forces not meeting NATO standards.

NATO expansion can be helpful to our national interests—but only if new members can pay their own way and add to the military mission.

By W. Bruce Weinrod



WITH THE end of the Cold War, one of the important issues facing the Congress and the American public is whether to support the admission of new members to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

NATO has 16 members, including 14 European countries and the United States and Canada.

The alliance, a key factor in deterring Soviet aggression, remains important to the security of America and its allies. For example, during the Persian Gulf War, NATO's infrastructure played a key role in the swift defeat of Iraq and liberation of Kuwait.

The Clinton administration and many Republicans on Capitol Hill now support the idea that NATO should admit new members from among the emerging democracies of Central Europe.

NATO itself is making preliminary plans, and Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary seem likely candidates.

Europe remains a vital U.S. interest. NATO expansion could be a positive development for American security by helping achieve two

important U.S. objectives: reinforcing peace and freedom in a secure and stable European community and helping preserve American influence and leadership in Europe.

Adding new members, however, must meet an important test: NATO should grow only if adding new members will add to its military effectiveness. Whether this will be the case is not yet completely clear.

The military capabilities of prospective new members are minimal. NATO should clearly require that any candidate for membership pledge to allocate the financial and other resources needed to bring its forces up to NATO standards.

The militaries of any new members should be shaped to help support the alliance in any future Persian Gulf-type conflicts.

New members also should be asked to make their territory and military facilities available for

NATO use, support NATO military requirements and refrain from any unilateral constraints on NATO activities.

The NATO alliance will need to assure effective coordination among military forces with different languages, military procedures and equipment. In any event, no nation should be admitted until it reaches NATO military standards.

Initial steps that NATO and new members could take to strengthen NATO's military effectiveness include development of an integrated air defense network, conducting NATO military exercises on new members' territory, prepositioning military supplies and deploying aircraft to bases on new members' territory at regular intervals ("dual basing").

On a broader level, NATO should certainly expect commitments from prospective members to assist with anti-terrorism efforts, participate in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and prohibiting the export of arms or militarily applicable technology to rogue nations.

At the same time, the goal of NATO enlargement should be pursued. NATO expansion can help a confident America protect its security interests, shape the international environment and continue as an international leader. □

W. Bruce Weinrod served as deputy assistant secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy from 1989 until early 1993.

START COMPLAINING!



America in Washington, D.C. "Often we wind up mad—at the business and also at ourselves. But," adds Furst, "the system *does* work usually, if we know how to complain effectively."

"You can get results most of the time," agrees Danny Cox, a Tustin, Calif.-based expert on customer service and co-author of *Leadership When The Heat's On*. "You can waste your breath—or you can do it right and get what you want," says Cox, an admitted habitual complainer. Rarely a week passes without frequent-flyer Cox firing off a protest to an airline or hotel. What's more, he makes no apologies for his

assertiveness. "When the boat needs rocking, rock it," he says.

And don't worry about seeming boorish. "So many of us believe that if you can't say anything nice, say nothing," says Ann Humphries, an etiquette consultant to business and president of ETICON in Columbia, S.C. "But complaining isn't necessarily impolite. There are problems we should not overlook, and we can be perfectly mannered when we complain," she says. "It's all in how we go about it."

Bearing that in mind, the big "no" in complaining is: Don't get mad. Sure, when the flowers you order for Valentine's Day fail to show up until Easter, you're steaming. But before calling the florist, do your shouting in the basement.

"When you're angry, you're much less likely to get the results you want," says Gilda Carle, a communications expert in Yonkers, N.Y. "Often we think that to be treated seriously, we have to scream. In fact, that guarantees we won't be taken seriously."

Eleanor Lozano, a customer-service supervi-

By Robert J. McGarvey

YOU TAKE your best suit to the dry cleaner, but when you remove it from the cleaner's bag on the night of the big function, there's a tear down the back. *What do you do?*

The hotel promises an ocean-view room during your vacation but at check-in, you're handed the keys to a closet overlooking a back alley. *What do you do?*

When the mechanic tells you for the third time in 15,000 miles that your car needs brakes, you know something's expensively amiss. *What do you do?*

Do you suffer in silence? Or maybe rant to your spouse, then try to forget you've been done wrong? Either way, you've got plenty of company. The U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs estimates that 60 percent of consumers with valid beefs never speak up—at least, not to anyone other than their poor blameless spouses.

Join that club, however, and pretty soon you'll conclude the system just doesn't work, says Edith Furst of the Consumer Federation of

If you didn't get the goods or services you expected, don't suffer in silence. Get results. Here's how.

Robert McGarvey, a regular contributor to this magazine, wrote "News You Can Choose" in the June 1996 issue.



START COMPLAINING!

sor for Vans shoes in Orange, Calif., agrees with Carle. "The customer-service rep didn't create the problem, so quit treating us like the enemy. That makes it harder to work out a solution," Lozano says.

Besides making the other person feel defensive, anger plays havoc with your own ability to compose your thoughts. "If you're too emotional, wait until you can clearly communicate what's on your mind. When you're mad, you're out of control," says Carle. "Effective complaining means you are in control."

It also means you have a plan. For starters, says Carle, when you've been wronged, "think very clearly about what you deserve to get. Many of us unwittingly sabotage ourselves because we don't know the results we should have gotten."

If your main concern is the location of your hotel room, don't march down to the front desk to rant about your "ruined vacation." Stick to the

issue at hand without getting overly dramatic. Emphasize that you were assured an ocean-view room and that is what you expect. "Don't hem and haw," says etiquette consultant Humphries. "Be specific—about what went wrong and what you want."

Humphries adds that criticism should always be as pointed and detailed as possible. "Don't say, 'The product is no good.' Say, 'The TV I bought on Nov. 1 cannot be tuned in—there's always snow on the screen.' Be explicit about the problem, then tell the other party precisely how you want things made right."

And be reasonable. The dry cleaner may owe you a suit, but if it was bought off-the-rack at Penney's you're not owed a \$1,500 Armani. "Don't sell yourself short, but don't get greedy, either," Carle cautions. "It's easy to go in demanding way too much—but it's also easy for the business to respond, 'no, go away.'"

Be prepared to haggle also. If pressured, airlines, hotels and other companies that dislike giving cash refunds will cough up vouchers that are good for freebies. "You've got to be realistic about the possibilities," says Humphries.

OK, you've said your piece and you're getting nowhere. Now what? It happens frequently because "we've wasted our breath on the wrong person," says author Cox. A hotel desk clerk may not be empowered to put you in a better room, nor is a clerk at a dry cleaner authorized to dip into the till to make good on your suit. "Talk to the person who can deliver what you want," Cox says.

But just who is that person? As a general policy, Cox recommends that you remember the old saying, "Take me to your leader." He advises asking "who's your supervisor?" and working up that ladder until you get satisfaction. When Cox has problems in a hotel coffee shop, for instance, he won't chew out the waiter. Instead, he goes to the restaurant manager. If that fails, he heads straight to the hotel manager. "If I still don't get results, I go to the president of the company," says Cox. "Then I have their attention."

That goes ditto for complaining about defective goods. Start back in the store where you made the purchase but jump quickly to store management if you're not happy with the offer on the table. Then set your sights on the manufacturer's staff. "You need to get to a person who can fix your problem."

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PUTTING IT IN WRITING

EXPERTS on consumerism agree that putting your beef in writing is a good strategy. "That's frequently the most powerful way," says consultant Gilda Carle of Yonkers, N.Y. But she also adds that "sometimes doing it in person is the right thing." The telephone, she feels, is the least effective tool.

For credit card users in particular, an added benefit of writing is that it preserves most rights accorded by federal law to charge customers. The phone call usually doesn't.

Of course, the major obstacle to a written complaint is the actual writing, which many of us find intimidating. Just remember that literary sophistication isn't the point. Neither is length. Short statements of fact carry the most weight.

Here's a sample complaint letter that can be tailored to fit many situations:

Send the letter by regular mail. If there's no response, write again, this time by certified mail, enclosing a copy of the first letter. Don't be discouraged if the process takes more time than you anticipated. Even the squeakiest wheels don't always get greased right away.

Keep writing, and odds are, you'll at least get something close to what you want.—R.J.M.

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Sweet Retreat

By Stephen J. Ackerman

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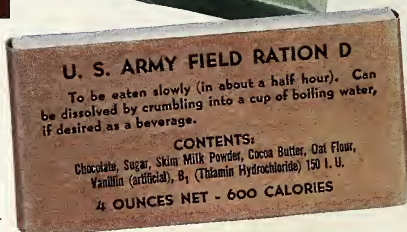


AT THE corner of Chocolate and Cocoa Avenues, beneath candy-kiss street lamps, you breathe chocolate whenever the wind comes over the huge factory. Even on your first visit, Hershey, Pennsylvania—Chocolate Town USA—tastes of the sweet life.

Visiting is particularly sweet for veterans on the 60th anniversary of the G.I. Hershey bar. In 1937, the Army asked candyman Milton Hershey to develop a high-energy, four-ounce combat ration chocolate bar to withstand tropical heat. The brass didn't want it to taste too good, fearing troops would snack rather than save emergency rations, but the "Logan Bar"—Field Ration D—was a hit. In a pinch, three bars daily supplied an 1800-calorie minimum sustenance.

Between Pearl Harbor and 1945, in packaging secure against poison gas, 3 billion bars went to our troops, often at rates of 24 million a week. A more enlightened commissary ordered a better-tasting Hershey's Tropical Chocolate Bar in 1943, a favorite durable enough to nourish Apollo 15 astronauts on the moon a generation later. This was the bar of legend. Still, its rationale remained emergency nourishment, not making friends with the children of war-torn Europe.

The Gulf War challenged Hershey to create candy viable in temperatures up to 140



degrees. Hershey's Desert Bar was made to taste good, and 144,000 bars shipped to Saudi Arabia filled the bill. Postwar consumers microwaved the surplus to enjoy its heat-seeking flavor.

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SWEET RETREAT



Milton and Kitty Hershey

SWEET SUCCESS—Milton Hershey became a millionaire and built the world's largest chocolate factory.

BAR NONE—Roses abound at Hershey Gardens in Pa., and kids get sweet treatment from strolling characters.

Hershey Gardens & Funpark



lived in distinctive, comfortable homes. He fired nobody during the Great Depression, building an arena and a great resort hotel to keep his community working.

In his will, Hershey gave his fortune to a school to give poor children educational benefits he never had.

"Chocolate Town" still reflects Hershey's vision. Factory tours have given way to Chocolate World, a free "virtual chocolate" ride through the manufacturing process, with temperature changes, pumped-in aromas, and Hershey Kiss characters doing the work. You still get a free candy bar at the end.

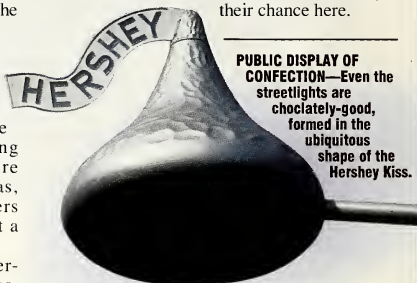
Adjacent is 100-acre Hersheypark, which preserves its old-time atmosphere while thriving as a high-tech theme park. For instance, the new state-of-the-art Wildcat rollercoaster, its name recalling a 1923 predecessor, is made of 514,000 board-feet of pine. This is an amusement park of youthful memory, updated to meet the demands of high-tech youth.

It's relaxing to cross a causeway to Zooamerica, an 11-acre habitat walk-through displaying 75 species of North American wildlife, including a special "Creatures of the Night" environment.

Hershey Museum celebrates the "Chocolate King" and his Pennsylvania Dutch heritage. Highlights include a

Native American collection Milton bought when Indian artifacts were undervalued.

South of town lies the 9,000-acre school for disadvantaged youth that Hershey endowed. Founders Hall vaunts the second-largest rotunda in the world and is a hall of fame for distinguished alumni who got their chance here.



PUBLIC DISPLAY OF CONFECTION—Even the streetlights are chocolatey-good, formed in the ubiquitous shape of the Hershey Kiss.

North, on the highest eminence for miles, presides Hotel Hershey, its Mediterranean style recalling features the Hersheys admired on their travels. Milton designed the Circular Dining Room so guests deemed light tippers couldn't be ignored in a corner. Ongoing restoration highlights the hotel's period glory. Its golf course is one of three here, embracing 72 holes.

Adjacent blooms Hershey

Gardens, a 23-acre display built around Kitty Hershey's roses. Even here, the serenity sometimes yields to shrieks from roller-coaster riders far downhill.

Below, modern Hershey Lodge and Highmeadow Camp welcome travelers, as do motels named Cocoa, Milton and Chocolatetown. Outlet shops have opened lately, and Union Canal House is a delightful restaurant.

Nearby is Harrisburg, with its capitol and state museums. Of special interest is The Civil War Battle Flag Project, which is restoring Pennsylvania's 400 venerable banners. Southeast lies Pennsylvania Dutch Country; southwest, Gettysburg.

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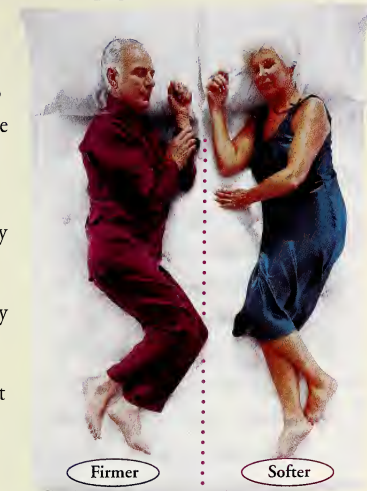
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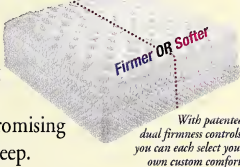


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Nothing But 'Net

By Jay Stuller

NEWSWEEK magazine declared 1995 the Year of the Internet. It wasn't that tough a decision. Even the O.J. Simpson trial, amazingly enough, didn't receive as much attention as the World Wide Web, on-line services and the like. Moreover, we are destined—or perhaps doomed—to endure an even bigger bombardment of Internet mania during 1997 and beyond.

It's not just in the media. From priests to politicians, it seems, America is talking about nothing but 'Net.

Or so you'd think when churches have Web "home pages," while pastors provide on-line counseling to an electronic flock. In a piece for the computer-oriented Boardwatch magazine, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich wrote that the ability of millions to "engage in an (Internet) electronic forum on...virtually any issue, is helping to overcome the once-wide gap between Washington and the American people." Well, maybe. But since President Clinton fairly bubbles when describing its educational uses, the Internet clearly transcends partisan concerns.

While politicians talk, business is putting its money where its mouth is. Investors are pouring cash into upstart companies such as Netscape Communications. A California-based Internet computer software maker that has yet to make a profit, its stock is sky high. Powerhouses such as AT&T and IBM,

Jay Stuller, a San Francisco-based writer, used the Internet to help put this article together.

CONCEPT IMAGES



A few keystrokes and mouse clicks will set you on a journey around the world via the Internet.



which lagged in catching the Internet wave, are scrambling to develop new products and services for fear they'll be left in the dust. Even the mighty Microsoft stumbled out of the gate, though its Internet Explorer has gained ground in the browser war with Netscape.

No wonder. According to some Internet growth projections, the whole world ought to be logged-on by 2005.

Of course, dust is sometimes kicked up in a mindless stampede. The fact is, not every American is enthralled by computers. In parts of India, Africa and much of Asia, it's almost impossible to get basic telephone service, much less computers. Could the Internet, despite all the hoopla, turn out to be nothing more than the CB radio of the 1990s?

"It's possible that the Internet in fact has been under-hyped," says John Dorr, a partner in the California-based high-tech venture capital firm of Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers. "I think we're creating a brand new medium that will possibly be more important than network television."

Like television, the Internet has its delights and many boring duds. And though it's getting easier

for the average Joe to navigate an often mystifying maze, those of us without a natural nerd streak can find the Internet an intimidating place. But make no mistake: The Internet has evolved into a wildly democratic, participatory and downright fascinating thing.

It also helps feed the profound human need to communicate, especially over distances, and both for practical and pleasurable reasons. That need started with military couriers carrying messages on foot, and went on to include book publishers, a postal system, the telegraph, telephones, libraries, newspapers, radios and television. On one hand, the Internet is merely the next step in this evolution. On the other, it's a souped-up combination of all that's gone before.

Those who haven't yet surfed the waves of cyberspace have what "Net-heads" like to call FAQs, or "Frequently Asked Questions." Here then are a few answers, in a guide to the so-called Information Superhighway:

So just what is the Internet?

Basically, it is a "network of networks," comprising millions of computers connected through wires, cables, phone lines, radio signals and even satellites. The networks include large computers at universities, research institutions, in government and at corporations. The Internet exists and grows simply because millions of people participate.

Many use it only to send electronic mail, or e-mail, to other Internet users. E-mail users can communicate with each other instantly, and at rates far cheaper than long-distance phone calls or overnight mail deliveries. The recipients are reached at addresses at host computers or "servers," through a series of letters and symbols that help a message find its intended destination. President Clinton's address, for example, is

LEGION ON-LINE—National Headquarters launched its home page nearly a year ago. A wealth of information can be found at <http://www.legion.org>.



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president@whitehouse.gov. Other individuals are reached through their Web pages, with Internet addresses like <http://www.acmeinc.com>. The recipient doesn't need to be home or have the computer on; the message is held by the server until the recipient logs in and checks out the mail.

The Internet also grows because people have voluntarily created content for it, including articles, graphics, games, sound recordings, weather reports and advertisements. Much of the content is available for free. Some services charge fees. In a sense, the Internet—and especially its World Wide Web component—is turning into a universal information database.

Indeed, it's like having thousands of libraries, sets of encyclopedias and the nation's Yellow Pages as well as countless magazines and journals all at your fingertips. Government press releases and reports on U.S. troop movements in Bosnia are available.

Individuals also place "home pages" on the Web, with information about family genealogy or stories and photos of their dog.

In sum, the builders of this "network of networks" are us.

Who owns and controls the Internet?

No one, which is part of the beauty—but also an occasionally beastly aspect—of the Internet. While there are commercial companies that sell Internet access, companies such as IBM and Sprint that link regional to national networks and institutions that own big computers that are part of the 'Net, none have control over the electronic traffic. Even the world's most repressive governments can't stop the information flow. Because it allows common folks the chance to self-publish and exercise freedom of expression—a threat to the likes of China and Iran—the Internet of today might be democracy's greatest weapon.

However, since it's a wide-open medium, the Internet carries pornography and hate-filled screeds. Contrary to some suggestions, such stuff isn't widespread. Attempts at censorship, like the ill-fated Communications Decency Act, have created much self-policing. Software programs are readily available to block unwanted sites, and most providers of possibly obscene



Industry officials project the whole world will be logged on by 2005.

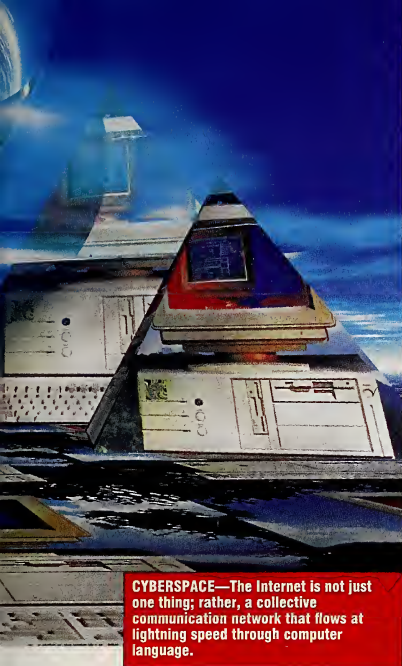


material look to make a profit, so a credit card number is often required to receive a password to view the "dirty pictures." The thing is, Internet content simply reflects society. If you want to look for something, you can find it. If you want to avoid distasteful material, it's easy enough to stay out of that part of town.

How did all this get started?

In part by happy accident, as yet another unintended consequence of a defense-related initiative that turned into a boon for civilian society. In the 1960s, the U.S. Department of Defense wanted to build a decentralized computer network that had no central "point of failure," or a hub that could be disabled by a nuclear attack. By 1969, the ARPANET, with four "nodes" or major computer sites, was in place. By 1972 it had 37 nodes, and scientists at government research institutions and universities began sharing information over the system, something of a federally funded, high-speed electronic post office.

As commercial users hooked up and the National Science Foundation took over from Defense in the late 1980s, ARPANET started evolving into the Internet. While intended for educational and research purposes—and it still serves as such—the 'Net has become a



CYBERSPACE—The Internet is not just one thing; rather, a collective communication network that flows at lightning speed through computer language.

commercial and cultural force its creators never could have envisioned. While the government puts plenty of information out on the Internet, most of its workings are in private hands.

With a life of its own, the 'Net is so decentralized that it's practically government and nuclear bomb proof. It can't be turned off or even managed. A group called the Internet Society—among others—tries to establish "rules" for its use, but their efforts are mainly in technical areas.

What's the difference between the World Wide Web, and services such as America Online, CompuServe and Prodigy? Aren't those services part of the Internet?

Not really, although these companies increasingly offer Internet access. America Online, CompuServe and the like are controlled environments that offer e-mail services, an opportunity to "chat" in various newsgroups and a goodly amount of "content." For a monthly fee of about \$10 to \$20, and \$2.50 or so an hour for their use, one

ON RAMP—The average Internet user is 36, college-educated and has an average household income of \$62,000. Two-thirds of the users log on weekly and more than 25 percent cruise the Internet daily.

has access to stock quotes, encyclopedias and publications by the many hundreds.

Although new or casual computer users might find the real Internet difficult to navigate, these on-line services are user-friendly. America Online, for example, has been called "the Internet with training wheels."

The multimedia World Wide Web, however, is the Harley Davidson of the computer world, a beast that since its appearance in 1991 has grown much faster than on-line services. Businesses and individuals have rushed to create home pages or sites for the Web, which operates on the principle of universal readership. That is, what's on it can be reached by any computer with the right e-mail address, or with a "browser" software program—like the one made by Netscape—that helps you find what you're after. Most of what's on the Web is free.

Web sites include magazines, newspapers, information put out by the government, chambers of commerce and

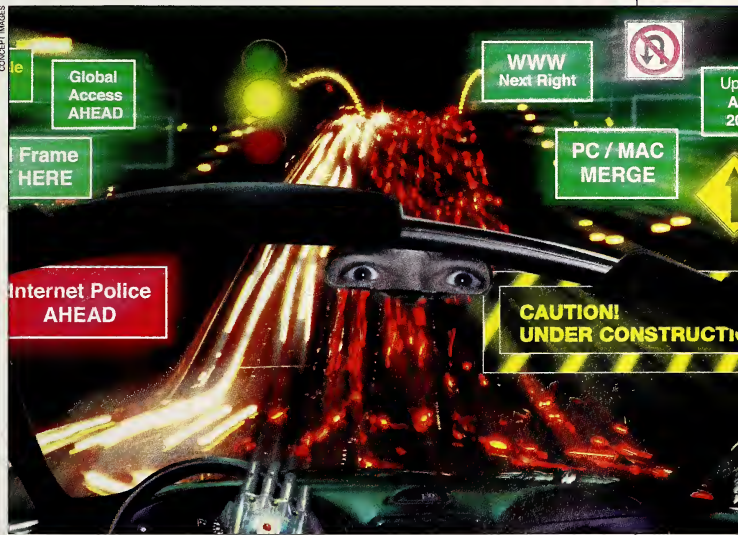
businesses of all sizes. As Speaker of the House Gingrich noted, thousands of elementary and secondary schools in the U.S. have Web pages, showing student projects and school publications. Most politicians have a page. A look at the Pentagon's home page informs one that the 328th AG Postal Company, a reserve unit out of St. Paul, Minn., is on alert for possible duty in Bosnia.

The Web also enables individuals to inexpensively self-publish, and if browsers choose to visit the site, gain readership. Individuals create home pages that talk about their hobbies; businesses list their services and prices. No one knows if this will be profitable for any of the commercial enterprises, aside from the publicity, advertising and convenience for customers. But the Web is growing so formidable that its volume of information has threatened to render the on-line services obsolete.

In fact, it's also cheaper than America Online or CompuServe. For a modest flat fee, one can sign up with an Internet service provider, or ISP. Mostly small businesses, ISPs will be your mailbox for e-mail. This way, you make what's essentially a local phone call, yet can send long messages to an Australian Internet pen-pal for virtually nothing. An ISP is also your launch point to start navigating through the Web.

Yet another component of the Internet is the Newsgroups, also called

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Hackers, Crackers & Trackers

Meet the cyber-muggers and the cops who chase them.

By Trent D. McNeeley

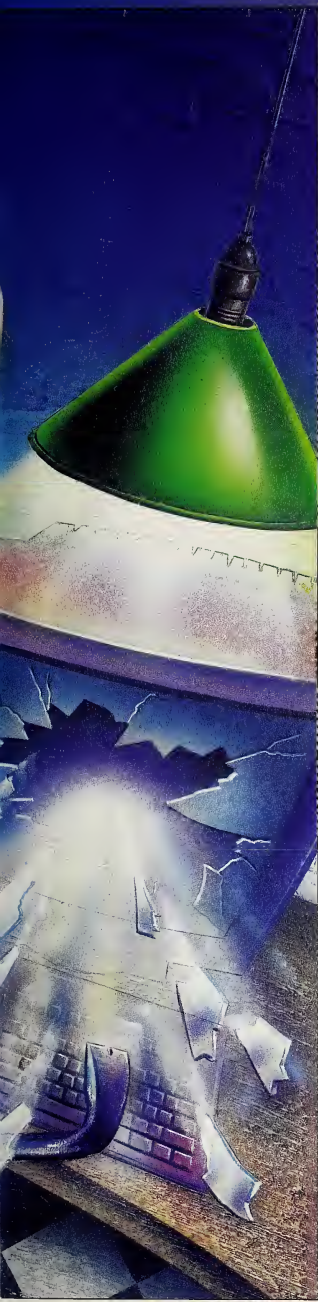
COURSING THROUGH arteries, replicating along the way, edging into new sites to wreak havoc, the virus at first seemed like any other—a harmful toxin, but one that eventually would be defeated by the host's defense mechanisms. This, however, was a new, more powerful poison, and it would capitalize on the system's weaknesses, infecting and re-infecting as it meandered through the host.

The "Internet Worm," as the virus came to be known, slithered into thousands of computers connected to our national information infrastructure. Created by Cornell University student Robert T. Morris Jr., it infected more than 6,000 systems, jamming hard drives and erasing valuable information before being cured in November 1988 by engineers

Trent McNeeley is assistant editor of this magazine.



CRACKERS— In 1995 there were an estimated 250,000 attacks against Department of Defense computers, 65 percent of which were successful.



at the University of California at Berkeley and at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

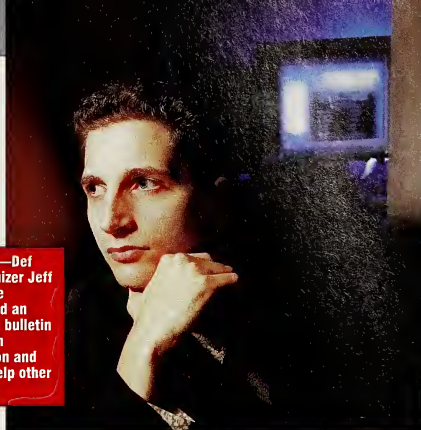
That was the first time the Internet and the malicious aims of "crackers"—computer gurus looking to create havoc at someone else's expense—made the mainstream national news. It wouldn't be the last. The Information Age is here, and its Internet is just as susceptible to abuse—under the commonly misused term "hacking"—as any human invention. This time, the peril comes through telephone lines and across network connections, and it is causing a lot of alarm.

Somewhere past the hype and lies about Internet abuse dwells a less alarming truth: The hacker community, those individuals who can peer into the darkest recesses of networked personal computers and mainframes, in general seeks to expand knowledge, not to destroy the planet. It's true that more people are logging on every day, but most remain within established parameters to find what they need. A small but significant community, hackers, might probe a system or two to learn how it works. Even rarer are the crackers—thieves looking to steal your life savings or foreign operatives intent on destroying the United States.

Bearing witness and, occasionally, taking action against all this activity are the trackers: "The majority of hacks are not malicious, but that doesn't mean they're not dangerous," says Mike Butler, a member of the new FBI Computer Crimes Squad in San Francisco. "It does seem today like more and more people are working with malice to destroy systems. Also, we're seeing a lot of copyright infringement and theft of intellectual property. But the most distressing thing is that those who pose these real threats tend to hide among the noise—the everyday, 'OK' hackers who just enjoy penetrating and exploring systems. The FBI doesn't want to needlessly harass the benign hacker, but we have a duty to apprehend the malignant ones."

That's why the FBI set up squads in San Francisco and New York last year (an office has existed in Washington, D.C., for several years). Butler, Andrew Black and other operatives spend most of their time tracking down the crackers, but last summer they spoke at Def Con IV, an annual gathering of hackers in Las Vegas, in hopes of finding some assistance in ongoing investigations, as well as some expertise for their agency.

HACKERS—Def Con organizer Jeff Moss once maintained an electronic bulletin board with information and tools to help other hackers.



'I quit the bad stuff simply because I didn't want to get put away. Jail is a good deterrent.'

The Dark Tangent, Jeff Moss

"There's tremendous talent obvious here," Black says of this loosely knit community with more than its share of libertarians and outright anarchists. "The skill level on display is incredible, but it takes more than just skill to succeed. It's easy to look at the world sideways, being cynical and critical of government and American culture in general.

"It's just too easy to destroy that which we distrust," Black notes, alluding to the Centennial Park bombing at the Olympic Games the night before. "It's not so easy to go beyond knowledge and respect your skills, respect your heritage, and respect the Constitution," Black added amid some jeering from a vocal minority that obviously believed not a word of his speech.

ONE PERSON not overly impressed with the message of these "Men in Black" (as this generation calls G-men) is Ian, a 16-year-old hacker. In a meeting room adjacent to the speakers' venue Ian has set up shop. A few feet to his left a small publisher sells manuals

Hackers, Crackers & Trackers



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TRACKERS—
Agents Mike Butler
(right) and Andrew
Black (left) are
part of the new
FBI Computer
Crime Squad in
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FBI Agent Mike Butler

on everything from obtaining confidential information to winning at blackjack. To the right are gamers, fighting one another on a battlefield shared via their linked computers. Behind him sit the competitive hackers, taking part in a game called capture the flag. The object: hack into several computers running different operating systems and plant your "flag" in the root directory. About the room lounge hackers, standing, sitting or sprawling on the floor. Some are sleeping off hangovers, some recover-

ing from a game of "Hacker Jeopardy" which ended in the wee hours of the morning, some speaking to the ever-growing media presence at events like this.

Amid this chaos and confusion, Ian has placed his computer on a wobbly folding table. Contrary to appearances, this scruffy young man in black T-shirt and weathered denim jeans is far from the clueless Generation X stereotype thrust upon today's youth. His sunken eyes, single earring and spiky blonde hair—an obvious dye job—would gain him scornful glances from most in suburban America. Here, however, among his peers, his appearance is typical, perhaps even a bit conservative. Like many of his comrades-in-hacking, he uses only his first name or a handle for public and online discourse.

"I prefer hacking software over systems—less chance of prosecution," Ian says. "But I can do that, too, if you wanna see." He frenetically clacks out a complex series of alphanumeric characters on his keyboard while speaking in a rapid-fire staccato. "This is how you defeat the registration process," the young man continues, digits flying across the plastic keys. From his fingers up his arms, scabs and sores catch the eye, badges of honor Ian proudly displays. The wounds come from dragging a desktop computer system around with him so he could participate in, and not just watch, events at Def Con.

His eyes and hands never stop moving as he switches software and hard-

ware components in his cobbled-together tower system. It seems the beta-version of Windows NT 4.0 he's running isn't compatible with his mouse, so he reaches into a tattered grocery sack, pulls out a different peripheral board amid a tangle of wires and swaps it with another from the back of his computer.

"Now we're getting somewhere," he says, glancing quickly over his shoulder to make certain no one is listening. They're not, too absorbed in their own exploits to notice he has just cracked codes for several programs.

Ian doesn't do this for profit, just for the "hack" of it. He craves the attention gotten by astounding people with his ability to twist complex algorithms around his fingers and untie the knots of encrypted source code. He knows some who do work for money, and even just for the thrill of causing someone else headaches, though he was reluctant to

name names. That's typical, as the hacker community as a whole hates "narcs" more than anything. A suggestion that it is the community's responsibility to turn crackers—malicious hackers—over to authorities, made by Ira S. Winkler, director of technology for the National Computer Security Association, meets vigorous and vocal opposition.

"Hacking in a controlled environment is not, in and of itself, wrong," says Winkler. "It's just a way to expand a person's knowledge about a particular computer system. But increasingly sophisticated tools out there allow more and more individuals to inadvertently damage systems simply because they don't realize what they're doing is harmful," Winkler says.

"Computer crime is not the same as hacking, despite what you hear on MSNBC," says *se7en*, leader of Hack the Lies, a group dedicated to ensuring that Internet crime hysteria doesn't cloud the truth. Seemingly speaking to the media present, the young man worked hard to get his message out. "Most people have nothing to be afraid of, because most hackers just want to learn about different computer systems, to improve them, not to destroy them."

The Dark Tangent, Def Con organizer Jeff Moss, comes down in the middle

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BATTLE REPORT



When Hell Broke Loose

By Vernon Pizer

EARLY IN 1968, in the jungle highlands where South Vietnam's northwest corner bulges out into Laos, the stage was being set for what promised to be a set-piece battle on a scale new to the Vietnam War.

For weeks intelligence had reported that unusually large numbers of North Vietnamese troops and amounts of materiel were being filtered down the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos toward the strategic Quang Tri Valley that begins in the bulge and stretches eastward toward the seacoast. If the North Vietnamese could break out into the Quang

Besieged and battered for two long months, our troops held out and blasted their way to victory at Khe Sanh.

Tri Valley, they would not only succeed in outflanking Allied troops north along the Demilitarized Zone but would also position themselves to threaten several major South Vietnamese population centers with a southward sweep. Blocking the path of

such an advance down the valley was Khe Sanh, a two-square-mile base held by 6,000 Marines, 500 South Vietnamese Rangers and 50 Navy Seabees.

Press reports noted forebodingly the similarities between Khe Sanh and Dien Bien Phu farther north where in 1954 a Vietnamese army besieged a major French base. The attack on Dien Bien Phu was commanded by General Vo Nguyen Giap; the same wily Giap was directing the developing operation against Khe Sanh. Just as Dien Bien Phu had been, Khe Sanh was cut off from ground contact with friendly troops. Like the French 14 years earlier, the Americans depended upon an airstrip for re-supply, a strip that was vulnerable to enemy antiaircraft fire. After holding out for two months under unrelenting enemy pressure, the French

When Hell Broke Loose

had suffered a complete defeat. The Americans were determined Khe Sanh would not fall like Dien Bien Phu.

To prepare for the expected massive attack, the troops at Khe Sanh fortified the base, digging sandbagged and timbered bunkers and emplacing artillery so that the guns enjoyed interlocking fields of fire. They circled the base with trenches and tangled coils of barbed wire and the newer razor wire, studing the barrier with explosive charges and Claymore mines. Outside the perimeter on four hills commanding the approaches, heavily armed Marines hunkered down, 200 to a hill. Khe Sanh was ready.

On Jan. 21 the enemy opened with an intense barrage, the heaviest the NVA had mounted anywhere in the war. Laying down the fire was a record number of weapons that included the biggest in the enemy arsenal: mortars, 122 and 140 mm rocket launchers, and 152 mm howitzers. The giant, Soviet-made 152s fired from secure positions in the Laos sanctuary, but their 17-mile reach was more than enough to hit Khe Sanh.

The enemy had counted on the weather—it was the monsoon season—to shield them against American air power, but it did not work out as expected. Despite the weather, B-52s—making a 5,200-mile round-trip from their base in Guam—were able to cruise high over the battle zone and bomb by radar. And whenever the clouds and fog lifted a few hundred feet, Air Force, Navy and Marine fighter-bombers darted in under the overcast to drop strings of explosives on the trenches that were fingering toward the base perimeter.

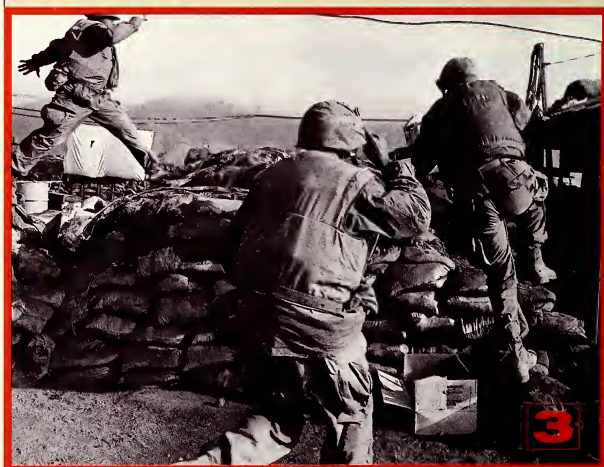
Although an estimated 30,000 of Giap's best troops were arrayed against Khe Sanh—outnumbering the defenders almost 5-to-1—they limited themselves to probing attacks, usually in less than battalion strength. The Marines readily repulsed all the probes. For their part, the Marines constantly sent out reconnaissance teams to locate lucrative enemy targets for artillery and air attack.

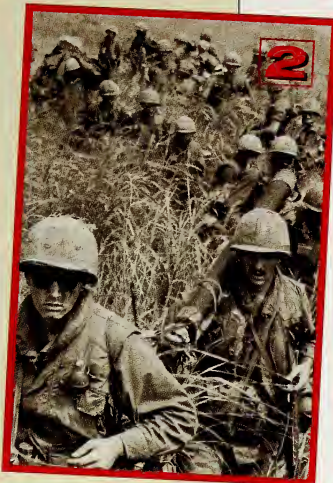
But the battle of Khe Sanh was also being waged by Americans more than

Vernon Pizer, Valdosta, Ga., has written frequently about U.S. battles for this magazine.



BATTLE REPORT





Khe Sanh

- 1 LEAN AND MEAN**—Three Marines clean their weapons as they await an attack.
- 2 OPERATION PEGASUS**—A platoon of Army troops pushes its way through the bush to reach the besieged base.
- 3 INCOMING**—Marines fan out to escape enemy artillery.
- 4 FOLLOW ME!**—A blade-wielding Marine urges his fellow troops to help in the rescue of soldiers trapped outside the perimeter.



400 miles to the south where a high-level, inter-service team at Tan Son Nhut airfield outside Saigon was assembled to direct "Operation Niagara" named for the deluge of bombs falling on the NVA. Under the team's instructions, scores of reconnaissance flights crisscrossed the battle zone, their sensitive infrared cameras seeking the enemy hiding under the jungle canopy. In addition, a C-130 crammed with electronic gear was kept on station high over Khe Sanh to function as an airborne command and control center.

Back at Tan Son Nhut photo-intelligence analysts studied the latest reconnaissance photos minutely for likely targets. Other specialists worked over a sandbox model of the battle zone to calculate the most logical places for the enemy to concentrate men and materiel. Melding the data and adding in ground reports from the Marines at Khe Sanh, the team designated prime targets for the aircraft flying missions against the Vietnamese.

As the days stretched into weeks, the battle of Khe Sanh developed its own rhythm. Intermittently enemy gunners shelled the base each day, walking their rounds over the area in a random pattern. The defenders also came under small-arms fire from snipers in well-camouflaged positions. Each day U.S. aircraft made bombing runs, artillery in the base raked the enemy, and riflemen in perimeter positions answered the sniper fire, trying to take out the concealed marksmen. In addition, lumbering Air Force transports, braving anti-aircraft fire, landed on Khe Sanh's 4,000-foot runway to bring in the 200 tons of materiel the base required daily.

Throughout February enemy combat engineers, using the same tactics that Giap had employed at Dien Bien Phu, tunneled toward the base, drawing ever closer to the defensive perimeter. Meanwhile the daily shelling of the base continued, reaching a peak on Feb. 23 when an estimated 1,500 rounds slammed into Khe Sanh. For the besieged troops, primed and ready for the massive ground at-

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GOING FOR BROKE?

Many graying Baby Boomers worry that Social Security won't be there for them when they retire. It will be, promises the head of that agency.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS ago, Franklin Delano Roosevelt sat down with pen in hand and placed his signature on a law that changed the course of American history. FDR later mused in the White House: "It was politics all the way through. We put those payroll deductions there so as to give contributors a legal, moral and political right to collect their pensions and unemployment benefits. With those taxes in there, no damn politician can ever scrap my social security program."

Politicians be damned or not, nothing stirs greater debate and discussion throughout our nation more than the subject of the future of Social Security benefits, particularly in the realm of retirement payments. How much should you pay? How much should you get back? Who should get it—and who shouldn't? Will it be there for you?

Today, Shirley Sears Chater sits at the helm of the Social Security Administration as its commissioner. She heads an agency that delivers more than \$300 billion in benefits each month to more than 48 million retired and disabled Americans and their dependents and survivors.

Appointed by President Bill Clinton in October 1993, Chater brought with her a wealth of experience as president of Texas Woman's University and as chair of the Texas Health Policy Task Force established by former Gov. Ann Richards. Chater recently took time for an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: By 2020, taxes and fund earnings of the Social Security trust will not meet the demand of Americans who are expected to draw retirement benefits from your agency. By 2030, the fund is expected to be completely depleted. What is Social Security doing to prepare for these situations? Is the system going broke?

SHIRLEY S. CHATER: First, the facts: Social Security taxes alone will be sufficient to pay through 2012. Taxes

plus the trust fund interest will be sufficient to pay benefits through 2019. Taxes plus trust fund reserve principal will be sufficient to pay benefits through 2029. Beyond that, we continue to collect trillions of dollars of taxes (estimated \$2.2 trillion in 2030, for example), but only enough to fund 75 percent of benefits.

What all of this means is there is no immediate crisis! We have time to make prudent and reasonable decisions about the future of Social Security. Conversely, I believe a real crisis would occur if we were to act precipitously to take care of a catastrophe that just isn't happening, adopting ill-thought-out proposals for reform. We need to replace alarmist rhetoric with reasonable and rational debate.

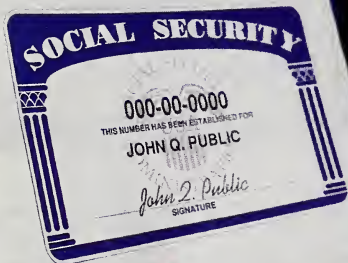
At SSA, we believe it is important that people understand how the current Social Security program works, and what its objectives are, before they set out to reform it. That's why we have mounted a nationwide education campaign to help people understand all aspects of the Social Security program.

Q. A recent American Association of Retired Persons poll shows only 35 percent of retired citizens have confidence in the future solvency of the Social Security system. What's your reaction to this claim?

A. It is alarmist rhetoric of the uninformed or of those who attempt to mislead Americans in order to promote their own agendas that is reducing the confidence that all Americans have in Social Security. My message is simple and straightforward—there is no immediate crisis. Social Security does face long-range financial problems, but we have time to reasonably and rationally discuss options for reform. People should understand how the current Social Security works before they set out to reform it.

Q. Many leading economists and others have suggested that working Americans be given the option of funding their own retirement plans instead of being forced to contribute to Social Security. Do you believe taxpayers should have this option, and is it being considered?

VESTED INTEREST—Chater says the challenge to meet the growing demand for benefits is a top priority.



A. As most people know, reports that have leaked from the current Advisory Council on Social Security indicate that some of the members are considering such options. We must carefully consider the potential effect of any plan that would either require or allow workers to privately invest a portion of their earnings that would otherwise provide them with Social Security protection.

If given the opportunity, undoubtedly some people would invest their money wisely, avoid disability, or early death, and realize a greater return on their investment than they will get from Social Security. But then again, many people would not. What happens to those millions of people?

Social Security was never meant to be a personal investment program. It is a social insurance program. Unlike private pension plans, social objectives—such as lifting the elderly out of poverty, raising the standard of living for lower income workers and offering financial security to the families of all workers—are an integral part of Social Security.

Social Security was never intended to be a person's only income when he or she retires or becomes disabled, or a family's only income when a breadwinner dies. Social Security is intended to provide a floor of protection that would be supplemented by private pensions, savings and other investments. We should be discussing how to encourage private investments as a supplement to Social Security, not as a substitute.

Q. It's been suggested that the outside earnings ceiling for retirees be lifted. Is this a reasonable proposal?

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HIGHLIGHTS

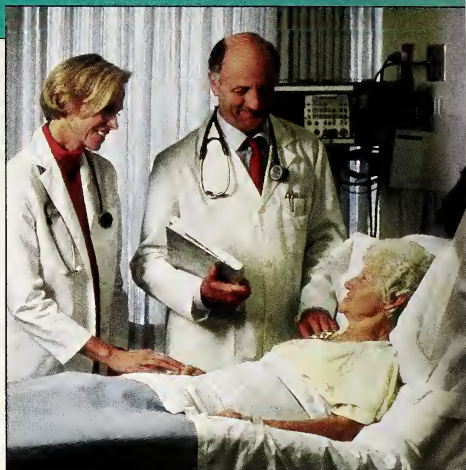
Shirley S. Chater On...

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SPECIAL DELIVERY



**The American Legion
GI Bill Of Health**

VA research will continue to improve the lives of thousands of veterans and other Americans under this visionary plan.

JIM REYNOLDS knows what it's like to be seriously injured.

And he's grateful VA could give him his life back—twice.

As a tank commander with Patton's 11th Armored Division, 3rd Army, he was wounded by German gunfire just after the Battle of the Bulge.

"I was shot in the side of my face and had my soft pallet lodged in my sinuses," he says. "It blew the left side of my jaw behind my nose."

Reynolds filed his VA claim through an American Legion service officer and received what he describes as "good treatment." VA came to his aid, rehabilitating him from his service-connected injuries. But he would need VA again, this time as a civilian.

After losing an arm in a lumber mill accident, Reynolds needed a prosthesis to allow him to get back to a normal life. Having tried some 10 different devices, he now plays golf and tennis thanks to VA's latest miracle, the Synergetic Prehensor, which interprets the electronic impulses of muscles to enable an artificial limb to mimic the motion of a real one.

"I'm grateful for VA research and for its specialized services," says Reynolds.

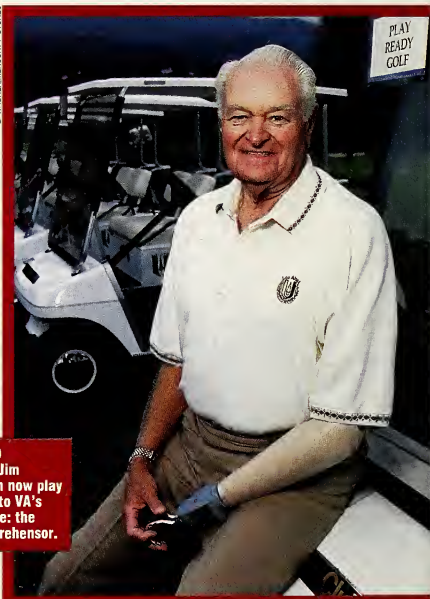
Those specialized services are what most Americans think of

when you say "VA."

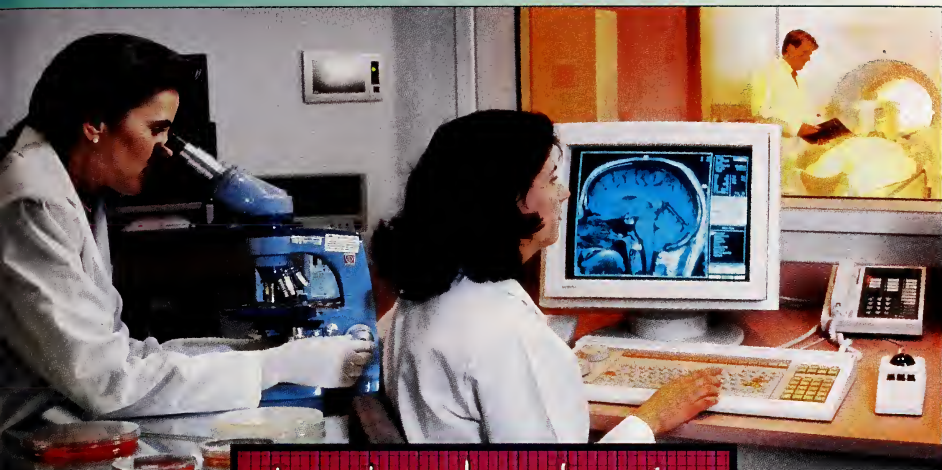
What few realize is that treating war injuries has accelerated civilian medical advances and made VA an engine of creation in pediatric and women's health care as well.

Thus, veterans are hardly the only people who stand to benefit from the increased support of VA research under the Legion's GI

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SPECIALIZED SERVICES—Jim Reynolds can now play golf, thanks to VA's latest miracle: the Synergetic Prehensor.



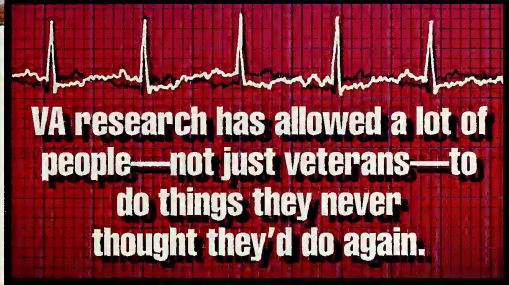
SCIENTIST/STOCK MARKET

Bill of Health. By creating new revenue streams through third-party reimbursement from insurance companies and government programs, the Legion plan will allow VA research to reach out to more veterans in a VA setting while continuing to create medical advances for all.

"I sit before you as living proof of VA's capabilities in this area—but you don't have to take my word for it," National Commander Joseph J. Frank told the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees in testimony last fall.

Frank, who uses a wheelchair because of injuries he suffered as a combat engineer during the Vietnam War, recalls, "President Clinton spoke of his emotional meeting with actor Christopher Reeve who said that doctors were able to save his life with advances in spinal cord treatment that were pioneered by VA medical professionals."

The GI Bill of Health's Specialized Services Supplemental Health Benefits Package (for service-connected veterans) covers "any care and services authorized by Chapter 17, Title 38, USC" including but not limited to: prosthetics and orthotics services; blind rehabilitation services; rehabilitation for spinal cord dysfunction and treatment for chronic psychiatric illness including PTSD.



NOBLESSE/STOCK MARKET

Another veteran who credits VA with giving him a second chance at life is Fred Bell, a prosthetics representative at the VA hospital in Minneapolis.

While serving with the 9th Marines in Vietnam, he was wounded in a grenade explosion and lost an arm and a leg. Like Reynolds, he uses the Synergetic Prehensor and once used the Seattle Foot, which allows an amputee to play basketball.

"VA research has allowed a lot of people—not just veterans—to do things they never thought they'd do again," Bell says. "VA research is important, and a look at its achievements will tell anyone this is true."

To get an idea how important VA research has been, consider a short list of its developments:

- the cardiac pacemaker,
- the first liver and kidney transplants to suppress the rejection of transplanted organs,
- the first successful drug treatments for tuberculosis, high blood

pressure and schizophrenia,

- computerized axial tomography (CAT scans),
- magnetic resonance imaging (MRI),
- magnetic source imaging (MSI), which permits safe removal of brain tumors,
- kidney and home dialysis techniques,

- laser surgery for prostate cancer, and
- a coughing machine, for elderly, quadriplegic and patients with spinal cord injuries.

Today VA research is targeting the unexplained illnesses of the Gulf War, AIDS and diseases that attack veterans and nonveterans with equal force. "We're lucky to have VA research, and the GI Bill of Health will ensure that the program gives America everything it expects, and more, from this venerable medical institution," says Frank.

Reynolds says he has been a Legionnaire for some 50 years, and he is grateful for what the Legion has done for VA and for what VA has done for him. For thousands of disabled veterans and injured Americans, VA research has given them a second chance at life.

"When I was seriously injured, I turned to The American Legion and VA," says Reynolds. "And neither let me down." □

SUN, FUN & ADVENTURE

In 1997, Orlando will host its first American Legion National Convention, providing plenty of attractions for visitors.



THE SECOND Seminole war ended in 1842, paving the way for American settlers to begin the long trek into Central Florida. Fort Gatlin, a long-abandoned Army post, provided a good place to start. As it grew, residents became disenchanted with the city's name, Jernigan, which came from one of the original settlers. Wanting to honor those who made the area safe, in 1857 they re-named their habitat Orlando, paying respect to a U.S. soldier felled by an Indian's arrow while standing sentinel in 1835.

Eighty-five people occupied the two-square-mile city at that time. Now, more than 1.1 million people reside in the Greater Orlando area that encompasses all or part of three counties. The site of Orlando Reeves' death now is called Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando. That area will host another 15,000 people later this year, compliments of The American Legion, which will conduct its 79th National Convention in the Orange County Convention Center.

"The City of Orlando and The Amer-



ican Legion Department of Florida are really gearing up for this event," says Robert Proctor, president of The American Legion Convention Corporation of Florida. The convention will run Aug. 29–Sept. 4, and Proctor wants to be certain every visitor goes away thrilled, but still wanting to return for more. "This convention is about doing Legion business, and that's why all the delegates will be staying within two miles of the convention center." Still, Proctor adds, "this area has too much to offer not to take in the sights."

Away from the action on the con-





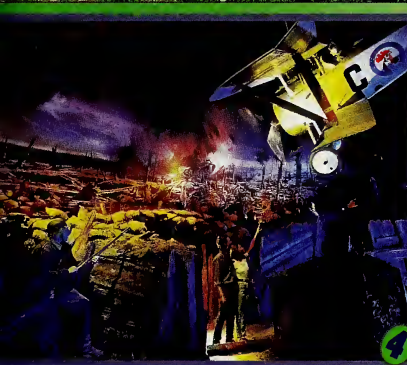
After all, this marks the first time the Legion has conducted a national convention in Orlando, and the trip may be the first for many Legionnaires. Here then are some things worth checking out in a city offering no less than 66 famous attractions.

BEGINNING a journey just minutes from the convention center, visitors might want to try Church Street Station (407/422-2434). This dining, shopping and entertainment complex offers something for all ages and tastes, with three different night clubs specializing in Dixieland jazz, country and rock 'n' roll.

Of course, you can't ignore "the Mouse." Information on Walt Disney World (407/W-DISNEY) abounds. It is, after all, the No. 1 vacation destination on the planet, and only 15 minutes from the convention center. To plan a visit there, call for a free videotape guide. September will mark the last month of Walt Disney World's 25th anniversary celebration, so expect big crowds for the shows, parades, resort offerings and numerous surprises. Seven lands of pure Disney fantasy are sure to delight children of all ages.

Disney means much more than just the Magic Kingdom, though. There are three separate water parks: Blizzard Beach, with a unique winter theme and the world's tallest free-fall speed slide; River Country, featuring rides in a lake setting; and Typhoon Lagoon, which can be serene or thrilling depending on just where you go.

Disney's Pleasure Island offers nighttime entertainment with seven clubs celebrating New Year's Eve every night. During the day, there's Epcot. *Please turn to page 58*



ORLANDO SEE & DO

- 1 The Orlando mural, dating from the "cracker days," salutes the city's rich heritage.
- 2 Historic Lake Eola park in downtown Orlando offers a scenic view for a picnic, jog or casual stroll.
- 3 Cypress Gardens offers a variety of shows, floral festivals and a rare butterfly conservatory.
- 4 Test realistic simulations of aerial combat at Fantasy of Flight.
- 5 Find a world of fun at Walt Disney World without traveling to "Pluto."
- 6 Delegates will go about the work of the Legion at the renovated Orange County Convention Center.



vention floor, delegates, their families and other visitors will no doubt want to check out Proctor's claim and enjoy what the area has to offer.

Get On The Phone, Khamisiyah Veterans

LAST month, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE reported the Pentagon acknowledging that U.S. troops deployed near an ammo bunker complex in southern Iraq might have been exposed to chemical weapons when the site was destroyed.

Now the Pentagon is seeking The American Legion's help in locating these veterans.

The Department of Defense (DoD) recently called on the Legion to contact an estimated 21,000 veterans who were within 31 miles of Khamisiyah March 4-12, 1991. The ammunition complex, which was destroyed by Army engineers, contained about two tons of sarin—a lethal nerve gas agent—much of which was released into the air.

"We need quick identification of the people in that group of 21,000, and if they are sick, they need immediate access to VA and DoD medical facilities," says National Commander Joseph J. Frank.

The commander also noted that former DoD Deputy Secretary John Deutch, who was head of the CIA at press time, said in a March 1995 *60 Minutes* segment that no U.S. troops were exposed to chemical agents during the Gulf War.

Members of any of the units listed below should contact DoD at (800) 472-6719. Ailing active duty troops whose conditions could be related to gulf service should call (800) 796-9699. Veterans no longer on active duty and suffering from ill health related to gulf service are eligible for VA health care, and should call (800) PGW-VETS.

If gulf veterans encounter any problems or obstacles, they should contact The American Legion at (800) 433-3318.

Units reported to be within 31 miles of Khamisiyah, Iraq:

82nd Airborne Division: Division Headquarters, Tactical Command Posts (1st and 3rd brigades); 504th Infantry (1st and 2nd battalions); 505th Infantry (1st, 2nd, 3rd battalions); 4th Battalion, 325 Infantry; 319th Field Artillery (1st and 3rd battalions); 1st Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry; 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor; 313th Military Intelligence Battalion; 307th Medical Battalion; 307th Engineer Battalion; 37th Engineer Battalion; and 450th Civil Affairs Battalion.

24th Infantry Division (Mechanized): Main Command Post, 24th Infantry Division; Headquarters, 197th Infantry Brigade; 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry; 24th Signal Battalion; 724th Combat Support Battalion; 1st Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery; Headquarters, 36th Engineer Group; 3rd Engineer Battalion; 5th Engineer Battalion; 299th Engineer Battalion; and 362nd Engineer Company.

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault): Rear Command Post, 2nd Brigade; Headquarters, 101st Aviation Brigade; and 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery.

Other Units: 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; Headquarters, 265th Engineer Group; Headquarters, 937th, Engineer Group; 12th Engineer Battalion; 46th Engineer Battalion; 264th Engineer Company; Tactical Command Post, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery; 1st Battalion, 181st Field Artillery; 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery; Headquarters, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade; Headquarters, 12th Aviation Brigade; 9th Chemical Company; 36th Medical Detachment; 5th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital; 41st Medical Hospital; 47th Combat Support Hospital; and 47th Field Hospital.

What Price, Glory?

It's the nation's top honor for battlefield courage and only a few have been awarded it. But from 1991 to 1994, the company that manufactures the Medal of Honor illegally sold the medals at top dollar to collectors and memorabilia shops.

Officials with H.L.I. Lordship Industries Inc., Hauge, have pleaded guilty to charges in a Newark, N.J., federal court that they sold 300 unauthorized medals. Under a plea agreement, the company was fined \$225,000, and no further charges were filed. Lordship will continue to manufacture the medals, according to a company attorney.

The fake medals fetched up to \$500 a copy from collectors, prosecutors said.

In the 134 years since it was authorized, 3,401 people have been awarded the Medal of Honor for combat valor beyond the call of duty. In most cases,

the medal has been awarded posthumously.

The Killing Tests

The American Legion has blasted a study that says veterans taking part in atomic testing in the 1940s were largely unaffected by their exposure to ionizing radiation.

"The study commissioned by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) was faulty in design and faulty in interpretation," says National Commander Joseph J. Frank. At issue in the study is the claim that veterans who took part in a series of tests in "Operation Crossroads" in 1946 were nearly 5 percent more likely than their peers to have died from all causes by 1992.

"This study made great efforts to ensure that the only difference between atomic vets and the control group was their presence at the Bikini Island test," Frank says. "The 5 percent increase in

deaths proves the lethality of those tests to our people in uniform."

The American Legion's other criticisms of the study: The IOM report didn't consider differences in the exposure to radiation among Bikini veterans; the size of the sample, some 40,000 atomic veterans, was too small to chart accurately the prevalence of many radiation-related diseases; and the report placed all deaths in one of three categories (malignancies, leukemia and other causes) and failed to differentiate among the 13 different cancers linked to radiation exposure by the International Commission for Radiation Protection.

"Despite its flaws, the IOM study confirms the basic conviction of Legionnaires who have been helping atomic veterans for decades," says Frank. "We know radiation kills, and this study shows atomic vets are dying at a faster rate than their peers who have only seen a mushroom cloud in the movies." □

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Americans Mandate Flag Protection

THE voice of the people might finally be heard in the 105th Congress now that the American Flag scored a big win in national elections Nov. 5, says the Citizens Flag Alliance's top official.

According to retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady's analysis of the election returns, a constitutional amendment that would return to the American people the right to protect their flag picked up crucial support in the U.S. Senate and was a pivotal issue in several races.

"Twenty-five of the 34 senators elected Nov. 5 pledged to vote for the flag when an amendment is re-introduced in the 105th Congress. Clearly the American people sent a message by electing to the Senate those representatives who listen to

and follow the will of the people," says Brady, chairman of the Board of the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA).

"We are elated with these results," notes the Medal of Honor recipient. "With so many newly elected or re-elected flag supporters head-



Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. we'll have new momentum behind us

when the 105th Congress convenes in January. That's good news for every American who wants to protect our flag."

The American Legion National Commander, Joseph J. Frank, agrees. "The campaign to protect the Flag of the United States from physical desecration is a values issue that is very dear to the American people," Frank says. "That's why The American Legion remains committed to continuing the fight for flag protection until our freedom to protect our flag from physical desecration is restored."

"An analysis by the CFA indicates we now have a solid 64 votes in the Senate in support of the amendment, which would return to the people the right to protect their flag. When you combine that with the overwhelming support the amendment enjoys in the U.S. House of Representatives, it allows us to focus our efforts on convincing three additional senators to respect the wishes of the American people," says Brady.

A national poll conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide

in 1996 indicated three of four Americans support a constitutional amendment. "On behalf of the 20 million Americans who comprise the CFA, I want to thank our congressional supporters for campaigning on this issue and for pledging to co-sponsor the amendment when it is re-introduced in 1997," says Brady.

Such support didn't materialize out of nowhere, he adds, pointing to the round of CFA educational media events and news conferences, and print and broadcast advertisements. CFA volunteers contributed countless hours generating support in local races and nailing down their candidates' stance on the flag-protection issue. □

Help From Home

AS LONG as American troops remain in the former Yugoslavia, the men and women of The American Legion will continue to support them and their families.

That was the message National Commander Joseph J. Frank sent to Americans everywhere after the Clinton administration decided to extend U.S. involvement in Bosnia for an undetermined amount of time.

"The nearly 3 million members of The American Legion can't bring the troops home, but we can—and do—bring a sliver of home to the troops," Frank says, citing the Legion's Boxes for Bosnia and Bosnia Membership programs as two examples of how bluecappers are still serving America.

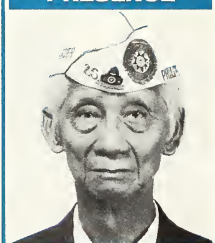
Boxes for Bosnia is essentially a care-package service. For example, Legionnaires at Post 334, Tampa, Fla., adopted the Army's 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, sending that unit's members games,

reading materials and snack foods. Post 123, Santa Monica, Calif., sent 342 shoe boxes stuffed with food morsels, as well as audio tape cassettes and batteries so troops can record messages for their loved ones back home.

Many Posts across the nation offer free one-year memberships in The American Legion to troops deployed in Bosnia. Benefits of the organization, including periodic contact from Legionnaire neighbors and receipt of Legion publications, can comfort service members during long and distant deployments. To date nearly 1,600 new members have joined through this program.

For those left behind in America, The American Legion Family Support Network lends a helping hand. FSN bridges the communication gap between separated loved ones and provides a welcome respite from loneliness. The toll-free number for this service is (800) 504-4098. □

COMMANDING PRESENCE



A photograph of Commander Antonio A. Ty, Department of the Philippines, was unavailable for publication with his fellow Department Commanders in the January issue. Please meet Commander Ty.

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HALL OF FAMERS INDUCTED

AMERICA'S heroes come from all walks of life and every corner of the earth. Recently, Ohio honored its own.

Past National Commanders Frederick W. Galbraith Jr. (1920-21), John R. McQuigg (1925-26), Milo J. Warner (1940-41), James M. Wagonseller (1974-75),

Roger A. Munson (1992-93), and current Chairman of the National Commission on Children & Youth Elmer H. Fuhrhop were inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Galbraith, McQuigg and Warner posthumously.

Gov. George V. Voinovich said, "These outstanding individuals have achieved extraordinary suc-

cess. Their accomplishments are a genuine source of inspiration."

A founding member of The American Legion at its inception in France, Galbraith became the second National Commander after serving as the first Department Commander for Ohio. In World War I, he worked as a crewman on the first

steel schooner to sail around the Horn to Japan.

McQuigg served during the first World War, later attaining the rank of brigadier general. The first Ohio-born National Commander was mayor of East Cleveland from 1907 to 1913.

In spite of being severely wounded in France in 1918, Warner refused to die. The Army veteran regained his health and helped found the Department of Ohio. He became that state's sixth Department Commander and continued to work locally, even after he achieved national prominence.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, Wagonseller flew 50 missions over France and central Europe. Named Lancaster, Ohio's Man of the Year in 1949, he continued his dedication to community service, becoming Department Commander in 1954 and National Commander 20 years later.

Munson was a Navy veteran before joining the Legion and championing a strong military in his National Security Commission work. Recently his attention has turned to increasing voter participation and promoting the goals of the Citizens Flag Alliance.

World War II-veteran Fuhrhop worked for years at the Post, District and Department levels before joining the National Children & Youth Commission. □

LISTEN UP!

BOB COSTAS better watch out, 'cause the kids of Alpharetta, Ga., just might send him out to pasture.

That's because some of the local high school students have been training to become broadcasters, thanks to a Post program conducted in conjunction with American Legion Baseball.

Legionnaire Tom DeLorme, Alpharetta Post 201, began the public announcing program with Mel Coalsoun, public relations officer.

DeLorme said the program started out with three goals in mind: have fun, broadcast a Braves game and have a radio station broadcast a Legion ball game. "The first season, we only reached the first goal," he says.

In the second season, the kids accomplished their second goal.

"I called the Braves' community relations representa-



PLAY BALL—Atlanta Brave Ed Giovanola speaks with budding broadcasters from Post 201 before a game.

tive, Joe Clemente, six or seven times pitching our program. He finally agreed, but said we might have to limit the group to three kids. I was delighted when he called back and said 'bring all eight,' " DeLorme recalls.

He did, and the young people were delighted to meet with Mark Lemke, Ed Giovanola and Mike Mordecai. Their only disappointment: As members of the press, they couldn't ask for autographs. "It killed them. Oh, well," DeLorme says

with a chuckle. Aside from meeting the players, the kids greatest thrill was calling their friends from the press box.

With two goals accomplished, the third lies not far off. DeLorme says a local radio station has expressed interest in letting the kids broadcast a game or two next season.

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The basic story is quickly recounted: On Feb. 1, 1943, the troop transport *Dorchester* was torpedoed in the North Atlantic, almost in sight of its Greenland destination. The four chaplains aboard—two Protestant, one Catholic, one Jewish—calmed the worried troops and organized the distribution of life jackets from a locker. When the supply ran out, the chaplains pulled off their own life jackets, hustled four GIs into them and enjoined them to head for the boats. The chaplains were last seen and heard on the deck of the sinking ship with hands linked, praying together for the comfort and preservation of those about them.

They were: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt.

Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed. Four men of four religions, brothers in courage and as one in a triumph of faith.

Today, The Chapel of the Four Chaplains has a national membership of some 40,000, a board of directors, a maturing national structure, some 4.7 acres of land to build on and an urgent sense of mission.

Kimberly Pierce, the organization's executive director, says the urgency applies especially to advancing the Chapel's programs of interfaith understanding, encouraging selfless service and bringing the inspiration of the Four Chaplains' story to the nation's youth.

As far as a physical chapel goes, the organization feels urgency only to do things right.

"We're about a mission of faith, love and service in a mindset similar to that which resulted in the great cathedrals of Europe," says Pierce. "Those often took hundreds of years. We're going to beat that record by a lot, but we are going to take the time to do it right."

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains, she stresses, is non-denominational, though it brings together for discussion theologians of many faiths. While not a doctrine, it stands as a symbol of what faith can make possible for those who cherish theirs.

The message of the Chapel is best expressed in the words of Dr. A.A. Poling, the father of one of the chaplains. Quotes Pierce: "The irreducible minimum for an adequate defense of America is American unity! Not uniformity! All races and creeds, all colors and economic degrees, living together and working together as Americans all!"

It was Poling, a noted divine of the era, who encouraged his son to enter the service as a chaplain rather than as a volunteer for the infantry. The elder Poling told his son that the danger to chaplains was hardly less than that to infantrymen and air crew.

Poling was correct, says Legion National Chaplain Charles Richmond, who has served 30 years as an Army chaplain.

Richmond reports 65 Army chaplains were killed in action during World War II, and 273 were wounded. Of the 57 captured, 14 were killed and five died in captivity. Three were missing in action, and non-battle deaths claimed 82. After infantry and aircrew, chaplains sustained the highest casualty rate in the services.

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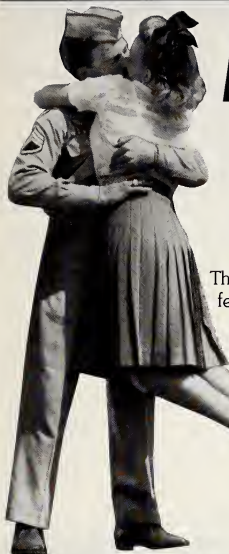
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But Orlando offers more than Mickey and friends, as do the outlying areas reaching from Tampa Bay to Daytona Beach to Cocoa Beach. Just around the corner lies Universal Studios Florida (407/363-8000), where visitors can see what it's like to make a film. The newest feature, *Terminator 2: 3D*, has been described as the world's first four-dimensional, interactive, themed spectacular. Featuring film, motion, animation and live action, the thriller is sure to get hearts pumping.

Sea World of Florida (407/363-2200) opened a "Key West" area last May, mimicking the feel of Florida's most famous island town with stands of palm trees, hibiscus and bougainvillea, river rock pathways, sandy boardwalks, Caribbean cuisine, street vendors and entertainers, and a display of the native ecosystem and marine animals.

Heading southwest out of town, try a visit to Polk City's Fantasy of Flight (941/984-3500). The aviation-themed attraction features one of the largest private collections of vintage aircraft in the world. Visitors can take part in "immersion experiences" that recreate memorable moments in aviation history, or try out the state-of-the-art flight simulators, putting you in an aerial dogfight in a World War II battle over the Pacific.

You're already halfway to Tampa, so just keep going and try out Busch Gardens (813/987-5082). Themed in an African setting, this site offers exciting stage shows, children's play areas, and rides, including the world's largest inverted roller coaster. A drive from Orlando takes about 90 minutes.

As long as you're out there, why not check out the Salvador Dali Museum (800/442-3254) in St. Petersburg. Dedicated solely to Dali, one of the most significant artists of this century, this museum serves as permanent home of the most comprehensive collection of this great Spanish artist's works. In fact, the entire central Florida area has a wealth of great museums, including the Museum of African-American Art in Tampa,

the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, and the Orlando Museum of Art. The latter will host the Imperial Tombs of China exhibit during the Legion convention.

On your way back to Orlando, stop off at Cypress Gardens (800/282-2123). At any given time you might find an ice skating or water skiing show. If you prefer, check out the butterfly conservatory, Reptile Discovery area, European acrobatic acts, or floral festivals.

If the Atlantic Coast calls you more than the Gulf Coast, try a visit to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center (407/452-2121), just an hour east of Orlando. Visitors get an up-close view of space shuttle launch sites, and now can visit the Apollo/Saturn V Center housing the giant 363-foot rocket that took astronauts to the moon. And don't miss the IMAX films on a 5-1/2 story screen.

IN ALL, central Florida offers much more than can be mentioned here. For advance planning, call the Orlando/Orange County Visitors Bureau at (407) 363-5872. Don't forget to ask about the Orlando Magicard to save money at hundreds of attractions, restaurants and hotels.

A bustling city in a vibrant state offers much to members of the Legion family who travel to Orlando this summer. At first glance the city's motto, "You'll Never Outgrow It," might seem to apply only to fun you can have at typical tourist attractions. That slogan means much more to Legionnaires who will never outgrow their love of country, and the camaraderie that can only be found among them.

Updates on the 79th American Legion National Convention will appear in upcoming issues of The American Legion Dispatch and THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. Check the Legion News section for travel, housing and other discounts. Or visit The American Legion Home Page for up-to-the-minute news at <http://www.legion.org>. □

IN SEARCH OF...

This column is for readers searching for groups of veterans for purposes other than forming a reunion (see VETS' column) or to find witnesses to verify VA health claims (see COMRADES IN DISTRESS column). No notices seeking information about relatives or friends will be published. Notices are published free, on a space-available basis. If a notice does not appear within six months of submission, please resubmit.

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FOUR FAITHS

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More than 9,000 served in the Army during World War II, and more than 8,000 were serving at the war's end.

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains long has been a special concern of The American Legion and its National Chaplains, including Richmond's predecessor, Joseph E. Reynolds. A Philadelphia Legionnaire, Dante Mattioni, is chairman of the organization's board.

Richmond says his chaplaincy will be of that tradition. "The Four Chaplains should be a model and an example to us all, especially to military chaplains," he says.

Legionnaires interested in donations or bequests to The Chapel of the Four Chaplains may write the organization at P.O. Box 1943, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1943, or phone (610) 933-3596. □

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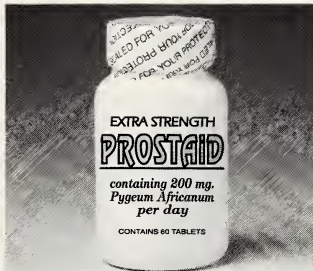
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lem," says Carle.

If none of this works, your next step is to look for allies. Politicians, consumer-affairs agencies and credit card companies all can be brought in on your team. For instance, if you're at odds with a government agency, call your local elected official. Often, one letter from a member of Congress or a state legislator is exactly what it takes to get a public bureaucracy's attention, says Furst.

Virtually all states and many cities operate consumer affairs offices. None are cure-alls, but when results aren't forthcoming, all are worth contacting. So are credit card issuers when you've made the purchase with plastic. Federal law provides safeguards for buyers who follow the rules—usually found on the back of a billing statement—and credit issuers can be enlisted as potent allies.

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Usenet Newsgroups. This is a system of electronic bulletin boards on which you can post or read messages on topics as varied as model railroads, cancer treatments and even veterans' issues. The range of subjects found here is generally much wider than within on-line services.

Just how many people are using

the Internet, and who the heck are they?

This is a big FAQ, and the answer has, by and large, been speculative. In a book called *Internet FAQs*, authors Margaret Levine Young and John R. Levine figured that in early 1995, about 30 million people had some kind of Internet connection, with a growth rate of more than 1 million a month. Still others claim that the growth rate is 100 percent annually, a contention that strains credulity. And remember, on-line services aren't the same as the Internet.

Last January, however, the Emerg-

ing Technology Research Group of New York-based FIND/SVP released one of the most reasoned assessments to come along in years. According to its American Internet User Survey, some 9.5 million Americans—including 1.1 million children under the age of 18—tap into the 'Net at home, through work or at school.

The average Internet user is 36 years old, college educated and has an average household income of \$62,000. About two thirds look for information on the 'Net weekly, and 25 percent use it daily, spending an average time of 68 minutes. Predictably, these folks spend less time watching television, making long-distance phone calls, and read fewer magazines and newspapers—mainly because they get the same information through Internet sources.

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An American Legion survey reveals that 57 percent of this magazine's readers already have access to a personal computer, either at home or through work. To get on the Internet, then, all you need is a modem, access through an on-line service or ISP. In many cases, the software to get started is given away for free.

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tive 16-year-old. Yahoo is actually a Website, but it's the Website of Websites. An astonishing number of content providers have made their material accessible through Yahoo, a masterful organizer. With a computer screen full of subject categories, a click on one topic pulls forth a screen full of sub-topics. Click again and the search is narrowed. In less than five minutes, one can find a bed and breakfast inn in Traverse City, Mich., or a map of hiking trails on Washington State's Olympic Peninsula.

One chronic Internet problem, however, is speed. With all the increased traffic, the systems began slowing down. Newer, faster modems and connections tried to combat this, but then Web authors added graphics and animation to their sites, slowing them even further. What may once have been instantly accessible might now take several minutes or longer. It can only be hoped that future leaps in technology will solve this issue.

But what does cyberspace mean to

me?

Many people are still struggling with that concept, says James Clark, the co-founder and chairman of Netscape Communications. Is it e-mail, entertainment, a waste of time or essential to daily life? As Clark told *U.S. News & World Report*: "The Internet is not just one thing, it's a collection of things." Every part of the collection has one thing in common: It's a communications network that can flow through digitized computer language.

Do we really need more communications? Back in the 1800s, a friend of essayist Henry David Thoreau marveled at the invention of the telegraph, the technological miracle of its time. "Texas can now speak to Maine!" said Thoreau's enthused pal. "But what," replied the author, "will it say?"

Good point. Much of what's on the Internet is babble and drivel. Many home pages are simply vanity exercises for those who create them. The quality of most on-line discussions is about as articulate as what's heard in a bar-room at 1 a.m. The Web has more advertisements than Texas freeways have billboards.

And yet, there's a compelling allure to the Internet.

"At the heart of this is the desire to

master the information explosion," says FIND/SVP's James Miller. While the mass media contains a tidal wave of ads and other messages, an Internet user controls what he or she wants to view. The computer and the software programs have an ability to sort out and find what you're after, or help explore subjects and services you never knew existed.

Many of us may not need the Internet. But as a guide through what's become a worldwide library, the age of the Internet has given us the choice to use an awesome and powerful tool. □

Web Words

A glossary of common Internet terms.

Browser—a software application program used to view HTML documents on the WWW.

Graphical User Interface (GUI)—an object-oriented way to work with a computer. The Apple Macintosh interface was the first widely established GUI (pronounced gooeey) software program, followed by Microsoft's Windows. The WWW is the GUI-enhanced version of the Internet.

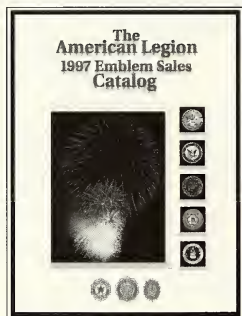
Home Pages—HTML documents published on the WWW by a person or organization.

HyperText Markup Language (HTML)—computer language used to write documents for the World Wide Web. Makes things readable by all users, regardless of their computer hardware and software components. Many programs are available that can automatically take a standard word processing document and format it in HTML, saving the user from having to learn any programming skills.

Netizen—contraction of the words "Internet" and "citizen," this term is used to signify that the Internet is still part of civilization and that users should be courteous to one another.

Server—generally a powerful computer that serves as a backbone for home users. Plays host to e-mailboxes, home pages and more.

World Wide Web (WWW)—often used interchangeably with the term Internet, the WWW is actually limited to only those sites written in a special language (see HTML) to be read across various platforms. Changes to Web browsers, however, may soon make the two terms synonymous. —T.M.



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on the law-and-order-vs.-harmless-curiosity question. A hacker himself, Moss even maintained an electronic bulletin board replete with information and tools to help other hackers. Now, however, the 27-year-old law school dropout installs Web servers and support networks for Internet connectivity. "Personally, I quit the 'bad' stuff simply because I didn't want to get put away. Jail," Moss says, "is a good deterrent."

MOSS' SITUATION brings up an interesting debate among computer and information executives, both in government and private enterprise: What can you do with a hacker, or what can that hacker offer you?

"Hackers can't do what I do if they get caught doing what they do," Winkler says. "People see these self-proclaimed Information Warriors as Information Attackers. These kids romanticize federal felonies, and that's just not right."

Many disagree. The people exploiting security in systems obviously know the holes, and would seem at first to be uniquely qualified to repair the vulnerabilities. Several former hackers well-known to the computer industry now work at places like Network Security Associates and Microcosm Computer Resources.

"I'm more concerned about the security specialists who have become hackers," says former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who headed a series of congressional hearings on this issue last year. He considers cybersecurity extremely important to the future of the nation, noting the vulnerability of any society reliant on communications systems.

"I think we have to watch the capabilities being developed that could disrupt America's systems," says Nunn. "You can't really tell where the hacking is coming from—whether it's an espionage agent, someone who's just pulling a prank or someone who's bent on destructiveness for its own sake."

Because computer vandals can cause real damage, Congress is taking a serious look at security in cyberspace. For example, Defense Information Systems Agency estimates 250,000 attacks against Department of Defense computers in 1995 alone, with twice that number expected for 1996. In fairness, most attacks targeted administrative systems, not those containing weapons

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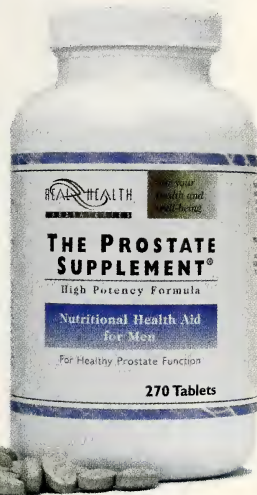
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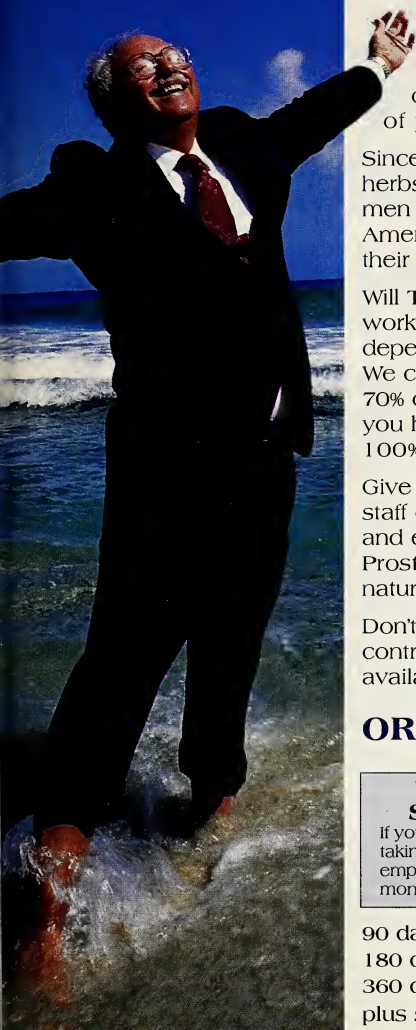
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data or secret intelligence. And many were thwarted.

A few attacks were more alarming, including 150 assaults in 1994 on Rome Air Development Center, where scientists explore the possibilities of artificial intelligence and radar guidance. Air Force Information Warfare Center teams determined once again that only sensitive but unclassified data was read and copied, but the crackers, *Datas-tream Cowboy* and *Kuji*, then used Rome Labs as a launching pad to penetrate other systems.

"The technology is outrunning the security at this stage. And the privacy. People don't know that, so a fairly large part of the process is an awareness challenge," says Nunn. He believes vulnerabilities exist in areas from defense to transportation to finance. Russian hackers demonstrated that in 1994 when they stole \$10 million from Citibank's cash-management system. It took the FBI more than two years to make an arrest in the case, and the kingpin of the operation still awaits extradition. Some experts estimate the U.S. economy lost between \$2 and \$4 billion last year to computer marauders.

The White House shares Congress' interest, establishing the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, with representatives from six cabinet Departments, plus the FBI, CIA, FEMA and the National Security Agency. Deputy Attorney General Jamie S. Gorelick says, "This issue is one of the most important issues that our government, and our society as a whole, face today."

Nonetheless, progress has been slow, partly because many intrusions go unreported by private and public sector organizations for fear of bad publicity. "There's a great distrust of government by business," he admits. And where privacy invasions are the issue, privacy guarantees from the government often ring hollow. One exception involved the Citibank theft, where openness allowed the FBI to solve the crime, according to Black.

So while the government crawls slowly forward, dealing with all these grand machinations, all remains well for the vast majority of Americans—at least right now. Common sense precautions like those employed when using the Postal Service, telephones or a Fax machine can prevent most cybercrime. Beyond that, computer emergency re-

sponse teams recommend encrypting sensitive information sent over the Internet. By far the most popular application for encrypting electronic mail is Phil Zimmermann's Pretty Good Privacy (PGP). It's so popular that the government wants it outlawed for fear of the espionage implications it presents in exporting technology. Hackers disagree, saying no invulnerable algorithm exists.

"PGP is good, but it's not unbreakable. Nothing is 100-percent safe," says Moss, who shares some of the government's fears about threats to the American economy. "It's easier sometimes just to plant a bug or intercept a cell phone. Some of these CEOs are just plain stupid. They'll say stuff that anyone with a couple of hundred bucks to buy the right equipment could intercept," he adds.

Despite holes in security, fear has never caused, and should never cause, Americans to ignore a technology that, when used properly, can yield untold benefits. The Internet allows scientists across the country to share data on the latest health breakthroughs, it helps college students research history, it aids diplomats looking to work together in an unstable world, it serves law enforcement officials solving crimes and it allows journalists to report the news.

The FBI's Butler says America needs the Internet—and the hackers that come with it. "If no one illuminates vulnerabilities, they never get solved. So in at least one way hackers, the non-malicious ones, help us. The national information infrastructure helps the economy and our nation work. It must be protected because the bottom line is, if the network goes down, every one of us is out. Protecting the Internet protects all our interests." The challenge, he says, is protection without restricting the civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Looking at and listening to those attending Def Con IV, addressing personal liberties might be the place to start. People like Ian and *se7en*, and legendary hackers like *Erik Bloodaxe* and Kevin Mitnick, fight fiercely for their rights. Perhaps common ground might someday be found. Until then, the faint glow of computer monitors displaying the inner workings of multinational banks and government agencies will continue to illuminate chewed fingernails clacking on the keyboards of computer warriors around the country as they attend gatherings in Sin City or work right from their homes. Like a superhero movie, though, the question must be asked: Will they use their power for good or evil? ☐

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tack that had not yet materialized, life was miserable. It wasn't just the shelling and the sniper fire—it was also the mole-like existence when not on patrol or on the firing line. The red, laterite dust clogged pores, caked in nostrils and infiltrated rations, meanwhile the giant rats that infested the base grew bolder daily.

In March the weather broke. Under clearing skies, the pace of fighter-bomber sorties intensified, adding their efforts to those of the B-52s, which were averaging 35 to 40 attacks each day. The rain of bombs leveled hills, obliterated enemy trenches and scorched wide swaths through the jungle.

As March was winding down, a relief force of the 1st Cavalary Division (Airmobile), Marines and a small contingent of South Vietnamese soldiers struck from the northeast to re-open Route 9 to Khe Sanh. With the air cavalrymen—mounted in nearly 300 helicopters—leapfrogging forward to secure strategic points, the Marines thrust

down Route 9 against light opposition, allowing engineers to clear mines and repair damaged bridges.

On March 31 lead elements of the column reached the Khe Sanh battle zone. The Air Cav's rocket-firing helicopters fanned out to silence enemy gun emplacements while Marines from the base stormed the high ground in the area. The siege of Khe Sanh had been broken. The massive ground attack that was the linchpin of Giap's plan had never been mounted. Instead, his elite army retreated in disorder, leaving behind hundreds of dead and mounds of weapons and ammunition. In all, the enemy suffered an estimated 10,000-15,000 in the failed siege; Allied dead numbered 325.

What was the key to the American victory? Not to be discounted was the prickly defense by the ground troops of the Khe Sanh garrison. But the massive air bombardment pummeled the enemy with more than 110,000 tons of explosives, collapsing his positions, destroying his materiel, setting off hundreds of secondary explosions and even—according to intelligence reports—hitting the command post of the entire enemy force.

Ironically, if the anticipated sepiate battle for Khe Sanh had taken

place, it would all have been for naught. Only three months after the 76-day siege was broken, Khe Sanh was abandoned by the Americans as they switched doctrine from static defense to the flexibility of mobile tactics. □

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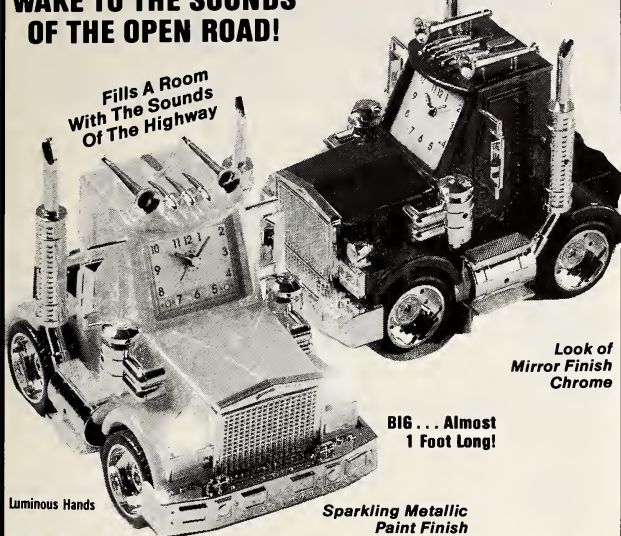
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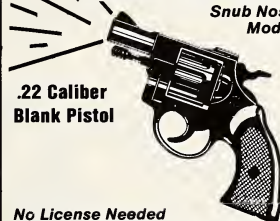


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A. In fact, President Clinton signed a bill earlier this year that raised the amount of money people between 65 and 69 can earn without affecting their Social Security benefits. The new earnings limits are \$12,500 for people 65-69. (\$1 for \$3 reduction above the limit). It used to be \$11,520 before the change.

Those under 65 can earn \$8,280 (\$1 for \$2 reduction above the limit) at no charge for these people.

The new law calls for a gradual increase in the earnings limit for people 65 to 69 until it reaches \$30,000 in 2002. [Increases in future years: 1997 limit, \$13,500; 1998 limit, \$14,500; 1999 limit, \$15,500; 2000 limit, \$17,000; 2001 limit, \$25,000; 2002 limit, \$30,000].

The old earnings limits discouraged seniors who were able and willing to work from staying in the workforce. Raising the earnings limits should raise the standard of living for the elderly and also should help the

nation's economy.

Q. Do you anticipate there will be any significant changes in eligibility for retirement benefits as we head into the 21st century? For example, the standard retirement age to receive benefits has been raised to 67. Do you foresee that age requirement being raised again, and to what level?

A. Just to clarify, the retirement age starts to go up in 2003. It will eventually reach age 67 in 2027, but it goes up in incremental steps beginning with people born in 1938 who have to be age 65 and 2 months to qualify for full retirement benefits. Some have proposed raising the retirement age to 68—or even 70. Others have proposed moving up the current timetable for raising the age to 67.

But there are other issues that must be considered as we contemplate raising the retirement age again. Those arguing for raising the age cite that life expectancy has increased significantly since the Social Security program began. By 2060, people will be living even longer.

Among the reasons cited by those opposed are that increasing the retirement age would have an adverse impact on older workers who are unemployed, who work in arduous jobs or who are in ill health. Also, minorities, who tend to have shorter life expectancies, would be adversely affected.

Q. Most tend to think of Social Security as being only a provider of retirement benefits. Who else receives assistance from your agency?

A. I like to say that Social Security is a family program for all ages. Take retirees and their dependents—30 million people receiving \$240 billion annually. They include 26.6 million retirees and 3 million spouses and 500,000 children. Disabled workers and their dependents account for 6 million and receive \$36 billion annually. Social Security also provides for 4.2 million disabled workers and their children and spouses.

But we must also deal with the future. Projections show that 30 percent of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching retirement age. Also, it's expected that 20 percent of today's 20-year-olds will die before reaching retirement age.

Q. Does Social Security provide any special benefits to U.S. military

veterans?

A. There are no special Social Security benefit programs geared to veterans, although most veterans are familiar with the special wage credits granted to veterans for their military service. We provide a special factsheet, called *Military Service And Social Security*, to any veteran who wants to know more about these provisions. The factsheet can be obtained at any Social Security office or by calling our toll-free number at (800) 772-1213.

Our agency does work with other government projects geared toward veterans. For example, we are involved in the Homeless Veterans Task Force. Our goal in working with organizations such as The American Legion and participating in inter-agency taskforces is two-fold: First, we disseminate Social Security and SSI information to veterans to make sure they are up-to-date on all programs that affect them. Second, we listen to veterans' concerns regarding Social Security and SSI policies and make sure those concerns are relayed to the appropriate people in our program, policy and legislative offices.

Q. When you came to this office, you said you had three chief goals: to restore public confidence in the Social Security system; to provide better service to the people you serve; and to motivate your employees to increase the quality of their performance. How would you assess progress in these areas?

A. We have taken important strides in reaching my goals. Despite all the inflammatory rhetoric and misinformation on this issue, my message is that there will be enough money in Social Security's trust funds to pay benefits through 2029. That means we have ample time to make the reasoned and rational adjustments that will be necessary to keep the funds solvent for generations to come.

We have launched a nationwide educational campaign to help all Americans understand the way the current program works, making sure that people know what the goals and objectives of Social Security are before they consider and debate reforms for the future.

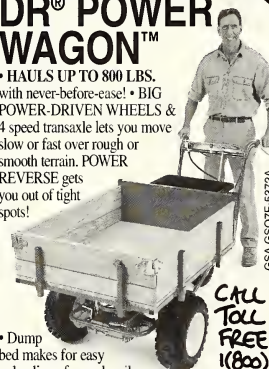
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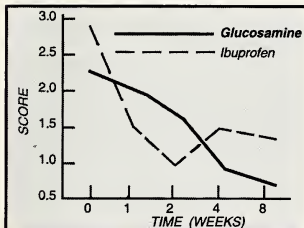
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We have been working with various companies, such as America Online, to make Social Security information available to home computer users. And Social Security is a traveler on the so-called "information superhighway" with various statistical reports and many of our publications available to Internet users [<http://www.ssa.gov>]. By the turn of the century, I see us greatly expanding our use of these kind of electronic services.

My final goal is to provide our employees with the tools and other physical resources they need to do their jobs well. We now have a work culture in place that encourages employees to exercise judgment appropriate to their position and allows them to take risks. And we have given employees a say in how we achieve our objectives. I have told all Social Security employees that I am counting on them to be visionaries—to imagine what SSA can be in the future and to share the details of their visions with their colleagues and team leaders.

Q. Your agency spends nearly \$13 million a year for its staff members' involvement in labor union activities. What kind of labor union activities are these employees involved in?

A. Under a law which has been in existence for over 20 years, SSA pays the salaries of employees who participate in official union activities. Those activities include bargaining and grievance procedures but do not include membership solicitation and partisan political activities.

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Aircraft restoration projects that can be rebuilt by students and teachers. Contact: Aircraft Discovery Division, Tidewater Tech Aviation School, 1429 Miller Store Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Members of the 48th Troop Carrier Squadron that was activated in 1945 in Pope Field, NC, and went to the Pacific and was deactivated in 1945. Contact: James Winnie, PO Box 243, Ney, OH 43549.

ASTP members from the University of Wyoming, in the spring of 1944 who were transferred to the 66th Infantry Division at Camp Robinson, AK. Contact: Charles C. Stueve, 227 NW 19th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

Information about a Post in Kansas City, MO, in the late 1940s to early 1950s. Contact: Tom Morton, PO Box 3528, Vista, CA 92085.

Veterans of Task Force Frigid which was deployed across the Tropic River north of Fairbanks, AK, the winter of 1946-47 for a publication on Frigid. Contact: Bob Ferguson, Route 7, Box 107, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

Information regarding Outpost Harry in Korea during 1953 for story. Contact: Regnard A. Burgess Jr., PO Box 292, Joyce, LA 71440.

Former members of Co. B 76th Hvy. Tank Bn. 11th Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY. Contact: Ralph Engles, PO Box 937, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

Anyone who served in the 708 AAA Machine Gun Btry. on Noemfoor Island, West Guinea 1944, and Luzon, Philippines 1945. Contact: Harry Jensen, 1610 Kearney Ave., Racine, WI 53405.

Army personnel who served with a Co., 1st Bn. 35th Inf., 3rd Brigade, 25 Inf. Div., May and June, 1966. Contact: Walter Wetzel, 158-25 97th St., Jamaica, NY 11414.

Stories and photos from service or civilian personnel stationed at Fort H.G. Wright (Fishers Island, NY). Contact: Fort H.G. Wright Assn., Box 274, Fishers Island, NY 06390.

Two Jama survivors from the C-1, 3-24, 4th Division, in 1945. Contact: Marion E. Patterson, RR 2 Box 92, Guilford, ME 04443.

Anyone stationed in or near Berlin at the end of WWII; especially members of 3574th OM Truck Co. Heavy, 3706 OM Truck Co., Co. G and 2 Bn. 3rd Inf. Reg., for book information. Contact: Cheri Crowley, 20 Seventh Cavalry Rd., Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.

Former members of VNN HQ, VNA from March, 1966 to May, 1967. Contact: Tom Ball, 100 West Clarke St., Manchester, NH 03103.

Individuals from the Army escort group who went to Bainbridge Island to assist in the first relocation of citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry to interview for local heritage project. Contact: Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, 7650 NE High School Rd., Bainbridge, WA 98110.

Information about carrier San Jacinto on which former President George Bush served. Contact: R. Baird, 1830 T Rd., Central City, NE 68626.

Information about the ACFT Eng. Mech., 93rd Bomb Group, 19th Bomb Sq., Co. G and 2 Bn. 3rd Inf. Reg. WWII. Contact: Robert F. Howard, 841 7th St., Astoria, OR 97103.

Military personnel who were billeted in a hotel on Cromwell Road in London, towards the end of WWII. Contact: John Hodel, 2 Garrick Close, Wandsworth, London SW18 1JJ, England.

Veterans' experience in the service or with the Veterans' Administration for Disabled WWII veteran complaining book of short stories. Contact: George David, 275 Wickhamford Way, Houston, TX 77015-2411.

Anyone who sailed on the C1-M-AV1 ocean cargo ship named the Pembina 121, which was active in both WWII and the Korean conflict. Contact: Barry Singer, Archives Director, Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Ave., Superior, WI 54880.

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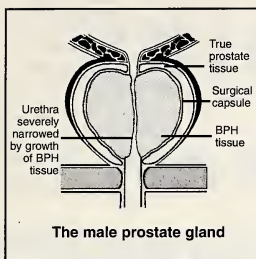
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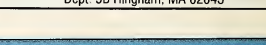
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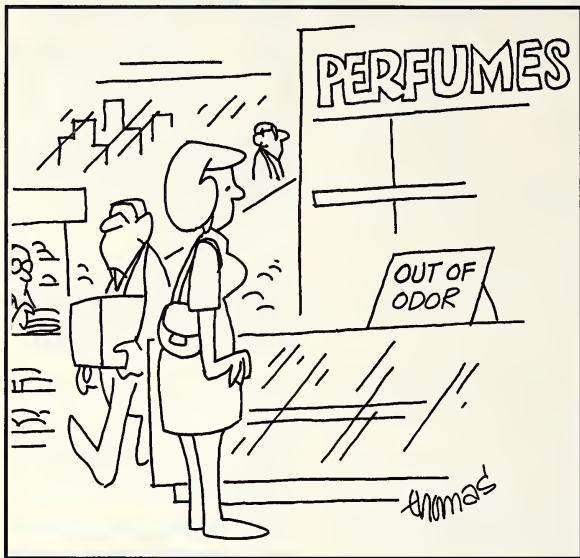
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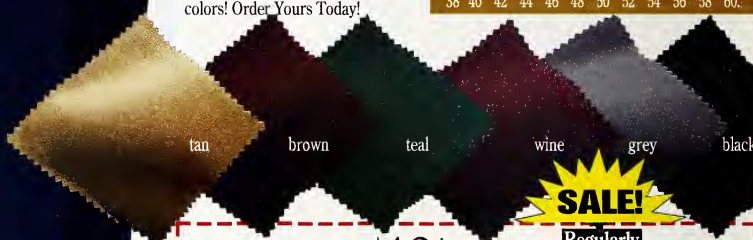


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